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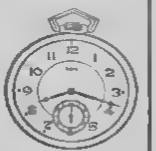
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ON TRAIN WITH GANDHIJI

By BHARATAN KUMARAPPA in The Hindustan Times

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milk and tea. As some people presented Gandhiji with a basket of oranges we had plenty of them to eat. We could easily have obtained all we wanted and more in the way of food from friends on the way, who asked us repeatedly what we would like to have. But we refused to take anything from them as Gandhiji was particular that we must not give trouble to others, or be a burden to them in any way.

During the day, he was busy with his usual programme of reading, writing, cutting and spinning. He had rest in the middle of the day and slept a way like a child, both then and at night. Promptly at 7 in the evening we had prayers. Everything went like clock work as far as his time table is daily work goes. He gave an interview to press representatives the next day on the train in the morning. All the day several cameras clicked on him.

He was taken away from us from a wayside railway crossing about 15 minutes before we got to Mowrah Railway station. The result was that when we got to Calcutta we had a whole lot of volunteers and others to pay exclusive attention to us. They mobbed us off from the crowds and escorted us to cars which were waiting for us. When we got near Sodepur, where we were to stay, the American Military who were policing the street refused to let our cars pass. I anxiously asked why. They said it was because we did not have the flag on the cars. I was thinking that they wanted us to fly the National Flag, for without it of the American flag on our cars they would be allowed by the people to pass on the streets. So far on the British flag went Calcutta had led the way in making it quit India. We were thrilled therefore to see very arrived in Calcutta

SAPA REUTER NEWS

THIRD WORLD WAR

MILLIONS ARE LIKELY TO RISE SAYS NEHRU

Udaipur, Monday

PANDIT Jawaharlal Nehru, one of the leaders of the Indian Congress Party, speaking at Udaipur (Rajputana) tonight at Asiatic unveil by millions of people from which a third would war would develop.

Pandit Nehru was presiding at the All-India states People's Conference (an organisation supporting Congress policy in States ruled by Indian princes).

Dealing with South East Asia he said Indonesia he said "It becomes increasingly clear that Britain is fighting a losing battle and the resources of her old Imperial strength are drying up. Recent developments indicate that America is underwriting this (British) Empire, possibly with suitable minor changes.

"That is a big decision to take, brought with grave consequences for all concerned.

"It is not certain or anything can be certain in this uncertain world that the exertion of Asia will not subsist willingly to any conspiracy or any imperialism will revolt against it."

Pandit Nehru continued: It will be continuing the revolt of millions with passion behind it which even the most bomb will not suppress, and from that result will develop that terrible thing—the Third World War.

"There is a partisan reserve between the war of British intervention in Indonesia and the other war of intervention which Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany waged in Spain and which was the prelude to World War Two.

"We hear soon British intervention with growing anger shame and heighten that India troops should thus be used to do British dirty work against our friends who are fighting the cause fight as we."

Pandit Nehru said India stood on the verge of great developments which will probably be initiated more by the people than by the British Government."



He said that for 150 years the British Empire had acted on the British Fifth Column in India, but the Princes must be invited "to join hands in the great tasks ahead.

"The Princes must realise that great changes must come, and they cannot rely for long on the protection of an alien Power."

Conditions in the Far East was a topic of discussion at the Moscow Conference.

Russia's long land frontiers in Asia, myths diplomatic correspondent of the *Times* gives her a problem in the orderly development of her neighbours, greater if any thing than that of the Western Democracies. Moreover close ecosity to tell to Russia regarding the efficacy of the measures taken by the American administrators of Japan in the execution of the Potsdam policy. The Russians asked how was it possible to create a peaceful Japanese nation by perpetuating a social structure shaped wholly for the purpose of war.

Such doubts could only be resolved through the general participation of the Allies in framing the policy that be pursued in Japan by the American authorities.

There was also general agreement at the Moscow Conference on the situation in China. Russia has certainly refrained from assisting the Communist administration at Yenan against the Central Government, but, nevertheless has made no secret of her sympathy that the basis of the Central Government shall be broadened.

Russia's association with British and American in deprecating the civil strife in China will reassure those sections of Chinese opinion which feared that Mr. Truman's advice might presage intervention by the United States in China's domestic affairs. Through the whole range of the Far Eastern discussions at Moscow new conceptions of international security are manifest. If the problems elsewhere in the world may be tackled by all three Powers in the same spirit of accommodation and compromise the outlook for the world in 1946 will indeed be brighter

Bretton Woods Agreement

New Delhi, Monday

The Viceroy and Lord Wavell in the absence of the Central Legislature, has declared by ordinance that the Government of India adheres to the Bretton Woods agreements. The new legislature which comes into being after the general elections can however, here fall the claim to decide whether to continue membership of the International and Monetary Bank and International Bank or withdraw.

Kai-Shaks New Year Message

Chungking Monday

Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, in a New Year's message to the Chinese people has warned them that the existence of two rival armies of two rival governments in China will lead the country "into very grave danger or even extinction."

Aga Khan's Diamond Jubilee

Dar-es-Salaam, Monday.

Twenty five thousand Indians from various parts of Africa are expected to arrive in Dar es Salaam early in July to celebrate the Aga Khan's diamond jubilee when he "will be weighed in diamonds." Work will shortly commence on five "dormitory villages to house the visitors

Cost Of War To Britain

London Wednesday

The material cost of the war to Britain amounted to something like £24,000,000,000 to £30,000,000,000, said Sir John Anderson Chancellor of the Exchequer in Mr. Churchill's Government in a speech to London. The grow war national debt was £23,000,000,000, but this would probably increase to £ 4,000,000,000 when the war account closed.

Treaty With Siam

London Wednesday

A peace treaty with Siam was signed in Singapore on 1 may by according to a message from London. Mr. M. E. Dening political adviser to Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten signed on behalf of British Prince Wan Waithayakon signed for Siam and Mr M. S. Aney for the Indian Government.

Siam as part of the price she must pay for the war in the Far East is to lend over as soon as possible all her accumulated surplus of rice up to a maximum of 1,500,000 tons. All rice surplus to the internal needs of Siam during the next 21 months must be available for purchase by Britain. The British Government are to set up a special rice organisation to administer these obligations. An important secondary provision prohibits the Siamese Government from getting a new

INDIA LETTER

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THE week under review was crowded with political events. The Congress Working Committee met and handed an important meeting, a Cabinet Mission Guild and a few members of the Working Committee [illegible] Viceroy in New Delhi Governor of Bengal. The British Government announced its intention to send a deputation to India consisting of Parliamentarians to study the situation on the spot and to help the Indian politicians in their efforts to arrive at a settlement. The announcement was made by Mr. Attlee, the British Prime Minister, in the House of Commons on Thursday last. The announcement was received with mixed feelings in India. While the Congress welcomed the announcement, the Muslim League was disappointed that the Government had not announced the immediate convening of the Constituent Assembly. The Congress has been demanding the convening of the Constituent Assembly for a long time. The Muslim League has been opposing the Constituent Assembly on the ground that it will not be representative of the Muslims. The Muslim League has been demanding the partition of India into two separate states, one for the Muslims and the other for the Hindus. The Congress has been opposing the partition of India. The Congress has been demanding the unity of India. The Congress has been demanding the freedom of India. The Congress has been demanding the independence of India. The Congress has been demanding the sovereignty of India. The Congress has been demanding the democracy of India. The Congress has been demanding the socialism of India. The Congress has been demanding the secularism of India. The Congress has been demanding the federalism of India. The Congress has been demanding the republicanism of India. The Congress has been demanding the democracy of India. The Congress has been demanding the socialism of India. The Congress has been demanding the secularism of India. The Congress has been demanding the federalism of India. The Congress has been demanding the republicanism of India.

Nationalist Moslem Leader Condemns Princes

Udaipur Wednesday

Under the autocracy of the Princes the people's money was being spent on horses in Jaipur, Gwalior, Baroda and Mysore and on luxuries in palaces and Sheikh Abdullah, Nationalist Moslem leader of Kashmir, yesterday.

Resigns From Moslem League Committee

Karachi Thursday

As a protest against reactionary leadership of the Moslem League organisation Ghulam Murtaza Shah Syed, president of the Sind Provincial Moslem League, resigned from the working and action committee of the All India Moslem League.

Turkey Will Fight To Last

New York Thursday

"Turkey will fight to the last Turk and to Doomsday" Ankara radio declared when commenting on Soviet [illegible]

[illegible] president of [illegible] Turkish public [illegible] Labour Party. [illegible]

PHYSICAL CULTURE SHOW IN DURBAN

THE YOUNG ARYAN GYMNASIUM

LIBERALS AND PAKISTAN

THE Rt Hon V S Srinivasa Sastri, M P A Wadia Mr Natarajan and Mr Jehangir have in a joint statement opposed the demand for the creation of Indian into a Hindu India a Muslim India. They say:

We think it our duty and the duty of all who share our views, to give expression in our country and in this direction to the warning we are sending. Some of us fear as the precise enunciation of the two antagonistic ideals. Most think so perhaps. Even we ourselves admit that there are even here certain considerations which should be granted to the claims of the Indian Muslims. Only they should be granted in such a way as not further to intensify the communal discord. Those of us there who are not fully opposed to the essence of breaking up the unity of India under a single Government as we are not in favour of it, know precisely the needs of Muslim Pakistan, and some of the statement of Mr Jinnah's recently have gone far to satisfy those needs. Pakistan in the interpretation of the Muslim League is effectively conceded. The institution of Pakistan in the Muslim provinces would be effectively vested in the Muslim League. But this allows to the communal parties an undesired encouragement on a division of principle.

The authors of the statement declare that institution of separate electorates was the first act in the process of creating a divided India of which the crowning achievement is their opinion is the proposal for Pakistan.

They maintain that religious hate never been a factor in the cessation of the lesson between the Hindus and the Mohammadans for the two communities have never been fighting for the dominance of their respective faiths. There was no Mohammadan fanaticism except as a political weapon to acquire numerical strength in the matter of voting.

A large majority of Indian Muslims are descendants of Hindu converts to Islam in the villages, Hindus and Muslims are hardly distinguishable by their habits or customs as they speak the language of the district in which they live. They even share religious instincts as a basis of nationality. "In essence the division between the two communities," say the authors of the statement "is the product of the struggle for spoils for power and economic privileges

Things In General

Mr Hofmeyr On World Peace

Mr J H Hofmeyr, the acting national chairman of the Y M C A, at the first Johannesburg Y M C A Christmas luncheon held since 1939 said a return by mankind to simplicity, sincerity and reverence was essential to world peace. The classroom of the world today were crowded with material wealth and great acquaintance but the true pioneers of Christmas were the simple. True peace could not be expected from the whims of statesmanship alone. It had to grow from the elite in of mind of the people of the world. Having found a place in heart and mind peace had to be born in the family of mankind and spread through the earth

Cape Town's New Year Gift

Capetown Municipality has passed a regulation for regulating the holding of public meetings and gatherings in public places within the Municipality of Capetown. Under this regulation "no person shall hold or convene or cause to be held or convened any public meeting or gathering or deliver any public address in any public place within the Municipality of Capetown without the permission of the Council first had and obtained.

Developments In Laundry Strike

Conditions in some laundries are slowly returning to a normal and new men are joining laundries although strikers are determined to carry on. All laundries are employing men have remained out. There is no sign of negotiations between the employers and strikers.

Allegations Under Riotous Assemblies Act

Two Indians, Gokhlik Naidoo and Govinda Mistry appeared before the Durban Magistrate's Court to answer allegations of contravening the Riotous Assemblies Act. In another case Rangiah Pandree, an Indian was remanded in respect of similar allegations. The charges in both cases alleged certain illegalities relating to the laundry workers strike.

M P Served With Summons

Mr Alan Wallace M P was served with a summons at Johannesburg and charged under Act 31 of 1944. He has to appear before a Durban Magistrate today in connection with the post he has played in the Durban laundry workers strike.

Biscuit Ban

Large numbers of employees in the confectionery trade will be thrown out of work as a result of the Government's ban on sugared meal in cake and biscuit making. Doz Companies will be affected principally

First Woman Labour Chairman

Mrs. Jessica McPherson, Mayor of Johannesburg was elected chairman of the South African Labour Party at the Party's annual conference which ended this week in Johannesburg. She is the first woman to hold this post

Mr V B Nagrani

Mr V B. Nagrani Managing Director of Messrs Nagrani Ltd of Fulwyns E. Rhodesia who is a fellow of Royal Society of Arts Commerce, London left with his family on *S.S. Hung Kong* on his way to India and Far East His address in Bombay will be c/o Indian Art Museum, Carnac Bridge, Bombay

Transvaal Hindu Seva Samaj

The following office-bearers and committee were elected at the annual general meeting of the above organisation held recently at the Gandhi Hall — President: V B. Patel vice-presidents: D U Mistry F S. Joshi, G G Thakamsha, L P Modi J V Parekh N P Kalma P Bijli Kunjebehai Shamshbai, Rajnikumkhaseal; treasurer V B. Patel V M Mistry J V Gokal V Nagar Z. V Parekh Thakorebhai G. Patel R Kalyebhai, P Bijli, R P Kapitan; committee I V Gokal N M Mistry assistant secretaries R I Parekh M Bhageshbhai; treasurers Ranjubhai T Patel R K. Gokal auditors G Nanabhai, M. S. Shah committee members M Ar Gokal Dr Mehta, T N Prema R Gangadeen, R. K. Patel, R. M Patel Vallabh Samabhai, Govindbhai Bhikhebhai (Krugersdorp), A. M Billimoria D P Solanki Daya Kalabadia, A K Desai, D. M Mistry Magan Vithal V. R. Patidar N Parbhan M Ishkaram V G Patel Nathoo Harjivanlaa, Vallabh Bhagal, Govind Bhai Gooliapoori Makan Bafoo, Dullabh D Mistry Natheobhai Dhanjee, Tribhuvan Daya, Narotam Karman, Mitha Sonkha, Yoo sufi Prema, B F Patel Jamnadas Ambaram Daya Rangwan nat K. R. Mehd.

Prices Of Pineapples

The maximum prices of pineapple sold to consumers are fixed in the Government Gazette at 2/- — 1R — 0 a ton for those which are 3½ inches and larger with tops and, without tops at 2/7

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Keep to self. It pays the necessity to forget yourself in the work and the work will take you. Rise through the limits of your ideals and your experiences will take care of eventually. If everything you put into work is fully satisfactory—than you yourself—and think. Think how can improve yourself your work and demonstrate action by cheerfulness and quickness accompanied with thorough ness. Be a sport—winning or losing—for men can not stand a artificial. Learn to deal people and the ingredients from dishes in the real—the standards from the geometers, the theorems from the broad visions of men. Let there be blinkers on when you will know where to place your trust. Contacts will good ones will help you just as those will shall fail—on will be silver.

Try to be unselfish and true to your duty—be in and in not sing the rising sun and be trusted yourself be wary of smallness—large than small—be under you. Your will in time after the work of your colleagues—become ill will and stick by your side at all classes and you will understand things that seem ill lovely and you will find an infinite joy. Guard friendship by lowering your standards. Be helpful without being proud and cultivate a keen desire to study people's actions and habits, and remember that the latter holds a place for students of man power. Take selling seriously and put your strength and weakness, then build them upwards. Selling is essential to attaining success and money. Let don't worship money and don't throw it away either for it is needful to attain social and business success. Make your business your main sport and your home life your personal happiness and remember to be a life long learner that never instead of regrets in your old years.

Happiness I believe, is contentment if you will and will not a result of an earnest honest devotion to be held in saying. Down the short line of life serving makes look on all some all years men will there by remember those men and the looking at no set pattern that will not look same—only be knowing the cause of direction and lighting forward.

Climate the habit of learning something daily and accepting this with an open positive mind. Express yourself if it will help the occasion at all times if it will not hurt. Be helpful to all you will not and not—knowing be tolerant. Be truthful always and be gentle—but courage "Humor" for it will help you over the rough spots and you attain—what I know you will attain finally—Satisfaction in living.

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GANDHIJI THE TORCH-BEARER OF THE EAST

By A.B.C. In The Leader of Allahabad

[illegible] history serve to heighten the grandeur of those kingly per sonages and mighty warriors but they leave the masses, who made [illegible] existence of life pos sible, in utmost penal darkness. Gandhiji has made it his duty not only to wrest the last poli tical freedom but in turn the forthights on the masses He wants not only freedom, but a democratic freedom broadbased on the goodwill of an awakened people.

Centuries of neglect had made the masses decrepit and like dumb driven cattle. Gandhi has not only made them articu late but restored their self respect and human dignity A generation of selfless work has borne fruits, the message of a new life and freedom already re verberates throughout the length and breadth of the country A gust of fresh wind sweeps the land, and people of all classes and communities have avidly drunk of this air This awaken ing the star of new life and the hopeful yearnings of a nation is the outcome of all the work of one man and it is Gandhiji. This [illegible] of the agents of men to indeed a great personal triumph for him. But this per sonal aspect is of no interest to him. Having threw the magic, it ends on price is return.

Gandhiji is essentially a man of the masses. He is the great peasant with a peasant's out look on affairs, and with a peasant's blindness to [illegible] like. He is instinct ively in tune with the sentiments of the masses, and this has enabled him not only to [illegible] magic leadership of the masses but to retain it

He is intensely and narrowly religious-minded in his viewpoint. His first and last preoccupation is the uplift of India. The world setting as such has no use for him, in the darkest hour of England and France during the last war he openly expressed his sympathy for them, but when it came to espousing India's cause, he did not hesitate to give out the now famous Quit India call. He has followed this course even at the risk of exposing himself to charges of insensitiveness.

He views on spinning as the panacea of all ills, his views on war and peace, big industry and morality are too well known to require repetition He sincerely believes, as Asoka and Akanton believed long ago, that war as an article of governmental should be renounced and that the world should be ruled by standards of peace Yet his pacifism in oil of the white feather variety as the ravages of imperialists have tried to make out. The pacifist that he deserves of is not the peace of an armed camp but one based on moral forlessness and pure courage, and an un selfish regard for one's neighbour It springs from the final instincts of men and nations to a selfless spirit of give-and-take

Indeed the Absolute with the religious sanction behind it permeates all his being and actions. He has lifted politics to a high spiritual level Swadeshi, Satyagraha and Ahimsa are but these facets of truth to him The curious blending of religion and politics, his mystic Mumbo-Jumbo, has often baffled foreign ers, and they have shown little patience with it. But they forget that Gandhiji cannot be judged by stereotyped Western conceptions. He belongs to a class of his own where greatness cannot be measured by an standardised measuring rod It is not a mere politician but a preceptor who believes that the world and humanity can yet be saved through truth and non violence Perhaps, the following lines give expression to his simple faith and creed —

"So many Gods so many creeds,
So many paths that wind and wind
While just the art of being kind,
Is all the sad world needs.

Maybe he and say the distracted humanity would listen to fellow him!

Ever since his career began in South Africa, he has fearlessly spoken and fought for the poor and the downtrodden, and his life has been one long record of unselfishing deeds of service and sacrifice. In the course of his appreciation of Gandhiji, John Gunther has remarked: "What a treasure-house damning career he has had! His greatest accomplishment is that he has given the Indian people new spirit, new unity His God, whoever He is, should treat him kindly when he is gone." I would add: May the great God spare him yet he see the culmination of all his labour and sacrifice!

PROPERTIES SOLD TO INDIANS

INDIANS obtained transfer from Europeans of 11 Durban properties during November The purchase prices totalled £36,120 During the corresponding period two properties were transferred from Indians to Europeans and their prices totalled £625

These figures are included in a report to the Finance Committee of the City Council.

Details are also given of appli cations for transfer by Europeans or non-Europeans to purchase or occupy properties held by occu piers of the other race.

Between December 12 and December 31 14 applications for permits to purchase were received of which five were granted while of 12 applications to occupy only one was granted.

The things the total number of permits applied for in 1945 and the number granted to 30th.

Details have also been supplied of the values of mortgage bonds passed by Indians between July 31 1941 and November 30 1945

In cases where bonds and transfers were registered simul taneously the values of bonds totalled £58,2[illegible] In predominantly European areas of the Old Borough £30[illegible] In other areas of the Old Borough and Old [illegible] in the Added Areas.

Values in cases where the mortgages was already the registered owners were £557,795 In predominantly European areas of the Old Borough £305,695 In other areas of the Old Borough and £231,700 In the Added Areas.

Particulars of individual pro perties have been given only for the month of November During that month cases in which bonds and transfers were registered at the same time numbered four in predominantly European areas of the Old Borough with a total value of £15,675; two in other areas of the Old Borough with a value of £4,400 and 27 in the Added Areas, with a value of £40,100

Cases where the mortgages was the registered owners were one with a value of £10,000 in a pre dominantly European area in the old Borough one in other areas of the old Borough and 8[illegible] with a value of £67,385, in the Added Areas.

Total values of mortgage bonds were £1,267,540 in the year August 1942, to July 1943; £1,084,015 in 1943-4 £1,129,400 in 1944-5 and £476,645 for the period August, 1945, to October, 1945.

SAPA-REUTER NEWS

MISS SLADE'S EXPLANATION

Bombay, Saturday

MISS MADELEINE SLADE, daughter of an admiral, who 20 years ago left British society to live as a disciple of Mahatma Gandhi, established herself in a little mud hut in a village looking toward the Himalayas, at the foot of which she now lives, came to Bombay from Delhi to-day to attend a Congress meeting.

She says: "I left home and family and all my friends and came to India because I was a dying imperialism. I was penetrated by the Irish Sea in a railway train. Only a few years ago, my whole life was ordered and I was bored. I came to India and found that Mahatma Gandhi was the only man who was living his life as he preached. From that day to this I have never had any misgivings. I have got all I ever had here. I came in search of spiritual satisfaction and I found it. I have also found peace of mind and happiness. Mahatma Gandhi has received me as a daughter. I live in a small village where I am practically the only European. I am not alone. Mahatma Gandhi pays a monthly allowance of 500 rupees out of my disposal for meeting the expenses. I took no fee for what I do and I do not spend much. I live in the midst of fields surrounded by little Hindu Muslim villages. I get eight miles from the nearest railway station from the foot of the Himalayan hills beyond which the mountains rise and upon which I can climb to the everlasting snows.

"Just a year ago I took possession of the land and by the time of the summer had built a house with local labour, mud and grass and wood. I have now collected together a few workers trained in arts and crafts and work in the villages. I go to meetings including Congress meetings and let which poor peasants come here long distances—sometimes up to 20 miles—and walk.

"The ashram is like a little farmstead with its cattle and buildings. I have named it Kisan Ashram, kisan meaning peasant, for we are here to serve the kisans and in order to know how to do that we must ourselves lead the kisans life.

"A small mud and grass cottage has been built for Mahatma Gandhi and he is expected here on a visit before or three months time. It was I who built the original cottage of Sevagram according to Mahatma Gandhi's instructions, and the the place of those days really represented his ideals. But later on others came and began pulling up brick houses until the place had become a little town. To my mind it had become quite spoiled and I left it. Here I have been free to build in my own way and I think when Mahatma Gandhi visits the place he will feel at home.

So much for my break with Mahatma Gandhi. As for the talk that I have become a communist—no communist would care to acknowledge me with my unbreakable belief in God and my mania dislike of modern wholesale mechanisation on a comrade.

Certainly I believe peace cannot come to the world until capitalism is removed and the poor man is set on his feet in all countries. But that does not make me a communist—and if I do think then Mahatma Gandhi is one also.

Gandhiji's Relationship With Capitalists

Calcutta, Wednesday

Mahatma Gandhi described his relationship with capitalists as "ethical when questioned at a Congress Workers meeting on the 16th attitude of Congress to be taught between capital and labour 'Speaking for myself' Mahatma Gandhi said I freely accept the hospitality of capitalists like Birlas, and make use of their money to serve the cause of the poor but capitalists expect nothing in return from me. On the contrary they are glad to be exploited by me in the interests of the poor. Similarly, Mahatma Gandhi added, Congress while accepting financial help and co-operation from capitalists in the light for independence never was and never could be a capitalist organisation.

Sapru Conciliation Committee

Bombay, Thursday

The Sapru Conciliation Committee of Indian non-party leaders to its proposals for India's future constitution, published today rejects all schemes of partition for India and recommends that the constituent making body should proceed on the basis of framing a constitution for a single State. The recommendations drawn up by a committee of [illegible] reputed [illegible] headed by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru [illegible] a number of the committee Mr. Mukund R Jayakar, Sir N Gopalaswami Ayyangar and Kunwar Sir Jagdish Prasad [illegible] the committee considers that Parliamentary government is not suspended in India and provinces could transfer and [illegible] elections (with a reservation of seats) according to the Muslim parity with the Hindus in the union assembly. A stipulation is made however that those recommendations should go jointly and should the Muslim League on separate elections only should the party offer to withdraw but Hindus should be free to ask for a revision of the communal award. The committee does not accept secession or non-secession whereby Indian provinces or States can keep out of the union and recommends the withdrawal of this provision from the 1942 offer of Sir Stafford Cripps. On the subject of acceleration states the committee says the British necessity will have to cease to exist and the new union centre (federal cabinet) will exercise paramountcy of jurisdiction over the federated states. The committee hopes that the rulers of the States will not object in this inevitable development.

Burmah Strike

Bombay, Monday

More than 2,000 employees of Burmah Shell, Standard, Vacuum and Caltex oil companies who have been on strike for three weeks for a victory bonus, have called the Prime Minister, Mr Attlee, and President Truman, asking for immediate attention to their grievances. The campaign to handle practically the whole of India's fuel oil exports.

During last year, the Bombay City Police dispersed 500 strikers of the Burmah Shell Oil Company who attempted to stop the Company's oil storage workshops at Sewri in the Bombay harbour area. The mob overwhelmed the police to the rush. The trouble began after the Burmah Shell Oil Storage Company had sent a notice saying that the strikers services would be dispensed with unless they resumed work immediately. About 1,400 of the Company's employees have been on strike for five weeks. They are demanding a victory bonus.

Gandhiji On Subhas Bose

Calcutta (Bengal) Wednesday

Mahatma Gandhi addressing Congress workers here, said he believed that Subhas Chandra Bose was still alive. (Bose, an Indian nationalist, raised the [illegible] against the British [illegible] Japanese [illegible] Mahatma Gandhi [illegible] patriotism in [illegible] the matter [illegible] Mahatma Gandhi [illegible] of India must [illegible] the sword.

Sentence Remitted In Commander In Chief

New Delhi

General Claude Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief in India, has remitted the sentence of 2 years' imprisonment in hard labour and dismissal from the service passed on Captain Shah Nawaz Khan, Captain Prem Sahgal and Lieutenant Dhillon by a court martial on charges of murder, torture and abetment of waging war against the King. Auchinleck confirmed the sentence of cashiering and forfeiture of all pay and allowances passed on the three men. All were released.

Clashes In Bombay

Bombay

One person was killed and [illegible] injured in clashes between [illegible] during pelting in a procession passed elections [illegible] Bombay Legislative Assembly. The three men were [illegible] "scheduled caste" (Depressed Class). The trouble was [illegible] between [illegible] supporters [illegible] and other untouchables [illegible] being "scheduled castes" [illegible] Hindu supporters.

Fifty people [illegible] policemen were [illegible] police fired in control [illegible] at the Assembly [illegible] was killed in the [illegible] during pelting by two [illegible] the Bombay Legislative Assembly. The accused [illegible] were [illegible] paired passing from [illegible] with stones and [illegible] strikers in front [illegible] caste. The police used [illegible] lathi charge.

Jinnah Meets Wavell

New Delhi, Saturday

Mohammad Ali Jinnah [illegible] deal of the All India Muslim League, had a long interview with Field Marshal Lord Wavell [illegible] the Viceroy.

British Occupation Of Japan

London

New Delhi [illegible] a GHQ [illegible] announcement on plans for partial [illegible] of Japan by [illegible] British troops [illegible] The [illegible] three forces will be [illegible] Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and India and will [illegible]

BOWLING PLANS NEW TOWN-SHIP AND PARK

SOUTH OF JOHANNESBURG

PRE-SALE to a new town-ship to accommodate 40,000 industrial workers and their families on the grounds of a national park and immediately south of Johannesburg appear to be implicit in a report on re-zoning of land prepared by Colonel J. Bowling, the Town Planning Consultant, for submission to Johannesburg City Council.

The report concerns the south-ern area of Johannesburg only in order to provide information to the south of Johannesburg Colonel Bowling recommends a new town on the railway at Lenz. It would lie to the Klip River Valley the northern boundary would be the diesel hill running south of Ormonde, while the south-ern boundary is the ridge running south-Cyferfontein 17 to Zwartkop plus 14.

The area is generally flat between the hills and the land reasonably good. The natural expansion of industrial develop-ment is in the south but is checked by the wedge of pro-claimed mining land south of which is land of broken, hilly country. The nearest substantial area of land suitable for new industrial development is in the Klip River Valley.

The area between railway and Ludwig mainroad on Lenz offers the greatest opportunities for re-tainment lower cost water could readily be made available while the provision of railway sidings would offer no difficulty.

European residential areas for workers could be provided east-wards and in the interval of an existing European mine dump. Township development east of the Parys road should not be permitted until the residential area west of the road had been developed properly in accordance of the available area.

Colonel Bowling allows that Cyferfontein should not be used for European development but does suggested as suitable for native ownership which need be with the mining scheme but would be better if managed by the use of native supplied in the proposed industrial area.

Plans had been prepared for extension to Orlando Township. Native labour and the position of native housing was not the job of Johannesburg City Council but of the Peri Urban Areas Health Board in control of the area.

More native townships to serve the region would be necessary unless, by arrangements with the Council future extensions of Orlando embracing Valhalla-vow could become a joint plan for both areas. Only white part of Cyferfontein should be made available.

The township of Volkshaven had been proclaimed in a loaned purposes at Aasliefe and a new township, Proteavow was also being considered. The area being a Pretoria and Volkshaven as it therefore, also be considered as non-European purposes as Orlando township Alberton Aasliefe and Phillip—had been proposed. Portal the Chief Engineer for Aasliefe.

Near Nancefield mainal non-European township had been applied for including the private proposal township of Meadowlands for Asiatic Trans township plan within the area mainal Lenz European coal-hospital approval of these townships by the township Board depended partly on Council's decision of the Rail towards some rail planning of the south-to-Orlando. The Council had proposed to Indian Township at Orlando which the Government had refused in the city at about £350,000 for 81 acres. A small area necessary to complete the proposed township had been offered by a small group of Indians.

Some councillors said it applied against the European areas of Ormonde and Meredale and European residents had not yet had to the establishment of an Indian town ship in their locality. They had suggested that all non-European development should be confined to the opposite side of the Potchefstroom Road round the Orlando Power Station there avoiding any friction.

It was pointed out that the Indian community of Johannesburg was suffering from an acute shortage of housing accommodation. The areas already zoned to provide for them were all over-crowded and something should be done to provide them with adequate new residential areas where no friction with European residents would arise.

The Council should indicate its policy as this position is to avoid delays in the provision of such townships.

Colonel Bowling points out that south of Ormonde and Turffontein is a range of wooded and picturesque hills known the most attractive places of scenery near Johannesburg. These good merit to such roads not through it and there were small streams.

This range should be laid for the public in perpetuity as a natural park. It would afford a bit scenery and could be stocked with small game. The Rose town possess no such open spaces of this kind. He asks as a peoples park and pleasure would become increasingly valuable. I strongly suggest that a movement should be set on to acquire this land for the purpose I have suggested.

Action Wanted

New Delhi Sept.

The British Parliamentary Delegation to India will take action on India's constitutional position in the next few months and not only years will Mr. Robert Richards, a Labour member of Parliament and leader of the delegation at the delegation's first press conference. The delegation were asked many blunt questions by journalists when wanted to know whether the visit was a way of postponing to give independence why it was necessary after 300 years' association with India to send a delegation when the simple issue was that India should be left alone to work out her own destiny and if the goodwill expressed by the delegations would crystallise into speedy action. Mr G. Nicholson (Conservative) said that they wants time as recommendations about the past. It is not going to help us to out work for you in years." Mr. R. Hopkinson Morris (Liberal) said that question mark clearly justified the delegation's visit. The delegation held a brief consultation when they were asked whether they would have access to documents relating to prisoners held without trial. Lord Munster Under Secretary for India in 1943 and 1944, eventually replied, "I think we can make local visits any papers we wish to see." Mr Richards said the delegation would consider the documental questions such as India's strategic position in any security arrangement for South East Asia.

Weapon For Gaining India's Freedom

Calcutta, Sunday

Breaking a six months alliance on political matters, Mahatma Gandhi today spoke of civil disobedience as a weapon for gaining India's national objective. He said "civil disobedience is a storehouse of power. Imagine a whole people unwilling to conform to the laws of the legislatures, and prepared to suffer the consequences of non-compliance.

INDIA LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Mahatma Gandhi And His Departments

MAHATMA GANDHI is expected to visit Bardoli on the 19th of the Madras Presidency Muslim League on the 23rd January [illegible] Jubilee Institute [illegible] Tea Bank Building [illegible] It is stated that [illegible] developing [illegible] Khadi All India [illegible] Industries Association [illegible] Hindustani Sangh Hindi [illegible] Gandhi [illegible] departments [illegible] of coming [illegible] developing [illegible] Khadi [illegible] [illegible] Sabarmati Ashram [illegible] Gandhi [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Things In General

Laundry Workers Demand

About one thousand Indians and natives met at Nicols Square, Alias Bobby Du Toit National Secretary Laundry workers put forward final demands of Durban Laundry workers to a meeting. Following five demands had been before the employers' Association.

(1) Meeting worker irrespective of the pay he received, must have no increase of Rs. basic rate of pay

(2) The employers must have a cash benefit society both employers and employees contributing to the fund

(3) There must be one extra paid holiday each year

(4) The employer must recognise the Union and give the workers a closed shop

(5) There must be no victimisation against those workers who had participated in the strike.

Some 40 members of the S.A. Police and Security Force attended the Nicols Square meeting.

Employers Attitude

There is a complete deadlock in the laundry strike. The Employers' Association will not enter into negotiations with the Workers Union until the present conditions of the union is changed, nor will they consider the five demands made by the union. Mr M. A. Moosa, president of Employers Association in a statement in The Natal Mercury said: The position so far as the employers organisation is concerned is an accurate one and the demands put forward by the Employees' will be not entertained. As long as certain elements remain in the union we will not enter into negotiations with them. Mr Moosa said that they had an eye opener regarding the manner in which the strike had been conducted and there would be no consideration of negotiations taking place between the Employers' Association and the Laundry Workers Union until there had been a cleansing within the union.

Prayer For Rain

We received delivery too late from the post of a wire from the Secretary of the Prime Minister for publication in the last issue. The wire reads as follows As announced in Press Wednesday 9th January has been appointed by the Government as day of humiliation and prayer in rain or where that day proceeds dry early earliest consecutive day it is the Government's sincere hope that as many communities as possible will co-operate and your assistance to that end will be deeply appreciated

Port Shepstone Indian Farmers Protest

Indian farmers in Port Shepstone demonstrated against the decision of the Town Council which was communicated through the Market Master saying that the Council refuse to allow Indians and natives a further four months in which to pay their stall rents. Owing to have sent a petition for stall upon the borough this year increased the average rental from £195 to £400. The farmers a post by the message of the Town Council conveyed by the Market Master, pelted their produce from the stalls and dumped it on the floor of the market. They even dragged it to the sidewalk where they sold their produce to the public at prices below those generally obtained in the market. The Mayor explained to the farmers that the Council was bound to do so from payment in terms of the agreement passed on the public board. The farmers declared that drought and poor crops had made it practically impossible for them to fulfil the agreement. A special meeting of the Council was called to discuss the whole position. Indians also held a meeting. According to the Market Master a temporary main has arisen in view of the fact that the Shepstone market is the main produce supply for the entire South Coast. Produce will be sold by Indian hawkers until such time as agreement is arrived at between the farmers and the Town Council. This would result in great inconvenience to hotel owners, who are already hard pressed to meet the demand of seasonal visitors, and would also involve a loss of revenue to the Council.

New European Railway Passenger Association

The New European Railway passenger Welfare Association in Durban has made an appeal to the Railway Administration to receive a deputation from this Association. The Association would like the Administration to provide some third and second class accommodation for non Europeans on all trains.

Mr Mahanlal R Parekh

The Overport Hindu Associations and Overport and District Tamil and Telugu Protection Association is jointly according a reception in one of its Patrons, Mr Mahanlal R. Parekh on the occasion of his attending civil civility to India as the S.R.D. Hall 140, Mill Street Overport Durban on Sunday 13th January at 2 p.m. Immediately after the conclusion of the above function the Overport and District Tamil and Telugu Associations will celebrate Bengal Mr S.M. Pillay at Sydenham will deliver a lecture on it's significance of Pongal. Mr H. Appasamy Ministry will preside.

Enteric Cases Reported

Four cases of enteric fever occurred in Maritzburg during the past month. Three of the cases were Indian adults and the fourth was a European child. Dr M. Minister the Medical Officer of Health told the *Natal Mercury* that a close watch was being kept on possible sources of infection

Chibbo Ratanjee Wedding

At Bloemhof, Transvaal on Sunday the 30th December 1945, the Wedding took between Mr Ratchkumlan Maganlall, son of Mr Maganlall Chibbo, of the firm of Messrs. M.V. Bhe, and Co. of Ladysmith and Durban and Miss Laxmi Dasi Ratanjee of Mr Ramanjee Kanjee Bloemhof Transvaal took place Amidst a large gathering of relatives and friends.

Harry Hurry And Harry Dhaya Weddings

A double wedding took place at Queensburgh, when the two daughters of Mr R B Hurry of Queensburgh were wedded to the sons of Messrs L. Harry and G Dhaya of East London

Death In India

Mr S. B. Mehd received the sad news on Thursday 10th January from his family in India that his eldest brother's daughter's husband had died at the age of 2. They were married on the 12th December 1947. Deceased passed away a week after the marriage. The whole family mourns the loss. We express our heartfelt sympathy towards Mr Mahl and the whole family May God grant them peace and courage to bear their great loss.

Obituary

Death occurred on Monday the 7th January of Govan Bhana only brother of Mr Hira Bhana after a short illness. He leaves behind him his wife two children brother and a host of other relatives to mourn the sad loss

Notes By F. G. C.

I wish the taking of a blessing would be given to the Rev W H Satchell in mark of what he has been doing for the Indians in Natal and to facilitate his visiting those in need of his help

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Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress has been translated into more languages than any book except the Bible and Bishop Morgan H. Tubbs, a former bishop of Rangoon, has only produced a modern version emphasizing the main teachings but avoiding much that is tiring to present-day readers. The work which may be obtained for one shilling from the P.O.K with postage extra, requires no that among many Indians white is a sign of mourning and brings the subject up to modern requirements as it adaptable in conditions outside the surroundings in which Bunyan was for long imprisoned Much of matter included in the book of 31 pages was included in addresses given at Chesters Caldwell From here pleasing evening was one we recently heard over the wireless in Durban when Bishop Tubbs stressed the way racial differences may be overruled and Christians united in the one faith

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LIBERTY OF ALL: SECURITY OF ALL

"By the law provides wherever there [illegible] we [illegible] the law levels [illegible] until all [illegible] with us. Then [illegible] except [illegible] the individual except [illegible] ends [illegible] security [illegible]

ERNEST MARTIN

Indian Opinion

Saturday 18th January 1916

Indian Congress Conference

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PLAYING WITH FIRE

[illegible] ing the Leader [illegible] ials with the [illegible] rials to South Africa

[illegible] Government [illegible] the Asiatic Act which restricted the right of Indians to Natal to acquire and occupy land and [illegible] not measure [illegible] is being replaced by a permanent measure [illegible] Natal Housing Ordinance. The object [illegible] is to [illegible] individual, [illegible] ly the right of [illegible] to make a clearance of [illegible] Pegging Act [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

their attitude would be a problem of city corporations controlled mainly by Indians.

Mr. P. S. Pather, who exhibited the memorandum on behalf of Durnall as native rep. (Fly), L[illegible] additional had remained a corporation under European control. I[illegible] were they prepared their memorandum.

"You are dead against any form of European control," asked Mr. Scott.

Mr. Pather replied that the City Council represented European and not Indians, he regarded as a public utility corporation they meant one under European control.

Concerning their criticism of the Council's post war plans for the development of transport services, Mr. Pather said that though at present a lot of surplus was contemplated this would be done under the main policy of racial discrimination as enacted at present.

Even including the "green buses" the Council transport system provided only about 1,000 seats for non Europeans against about 9,000 for non Europeans.

"We certainly cannot say that the City Council has given adequate allocation of seats for non Europeans," declared Mr. Pather.

Asked whether he thought the removal of the colour bar would make the transport system efficient, Mr. Pather said that if an Indian or a Native paid his fare he should be entitled to use the system.

European Ratepayers On War Path

The Durban Joint Wards Ratepayers Association has decided in circulars all members of the Parliament requesting that the matter of the Indian problem be dealt with by Parliament on non Party lines. "In view of the gravity of the Indian problem" the resolution states, "and the necessity during the coming session of Parliament either to prolong to modify or to replace the Pegging Act in accordance with the requirements of the European population this Committee resolves to forward to each Member of Parliament a circular letter on the subject and at the same time urge that it be dealt with on non Party lines.

Morning Market By Laws

The Durban City Council has approved of the following by laws which is subject to the approval of His Honour the Administrator of Natal.

Stands for the sale of agricultural produce and other articles in the Grey Street [illegible]

[illegible] Stands [illegible] Indians [illegible] Law [illegible] charges [illegible] the market [illegible] daily rent charge [illegible] be so that the holder [illegible] would be subject to two [illegible] of taxation. The present [illegible] annually doubled the rates [illegible] were payable by the stallholders.

The stallholders who have been carrying stocks on the stalls over night will now have to remove their stocks when the market closes just as farmers and gardeners have to do with their produce.

Indians Boycott Port Shepstone Market

Retail storekeepers having resorted to *Sunday Times* on sudden time in consequence of the continued boycott of the Shepstone Borough Market by Indian purchasers. Since last week's order when Indian stall owners called their goods from the market and hawked them on the streets, their has been no sign of agreement between the Borough Council and the farmers. When small space was sold by stallholders recently farm competition resulted in the aggregate rentals jumping from £195 in almost £500. Now the Indians hope that the Council will reduce the agreement and allow them the [illegible] of six months in which to pay the contractual rents.

An Envoy To Advocate J. W. Godfrey

Mr. J. W. Godfrey who came to Natal as a child with his parents from Mauritius has become well known in Natal. He was employed in Mahatma Gandhi's office when Mahatma was practising as a lawyer in Durban. Mr. Godfrey subsequently became a Barrister-at-Law and practised in Natal in the days preceding pending to the Province.

He was also president of the South African Indian Congress. On the outbreak of his brother-in-law, Mr. Godfrey left Durban for India. A farewell reception was held in the Natal Library Hall. Advocate A. Christopher presided. Amongst those who spoke in the life of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey and wished them and theirs a safe voyage and pleasant sojourn in India were Messrs. A. M. M. Lokhat, A. I. Kajee, I. S. Pather, Lallbhoy Shantilal, M. K. Naik, Ujamsi Kaladia, Kan. A. I. Chetty, A. Chetty, A. D. Ismail, Mr. Naidu of A. M. Lokhat Bros. Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey suitably replied. They sailed by the *Inchanga* [illegible]

[illegible] Indians [illegible] Boats [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

MIS-USE OF ENGLISH LEGAL PROCEDURE

FOR SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICAL ENDS

London, Friday

DECLARING that there was a political motive behind the prosecution and that there was an attempt to misuse English legal procedure for South African political ends, Mr. C. Humphreys, leading counsel appealed on behalf of Bow Street today in the case in which Abdul Hack Kajee was charged as an accused and English offender with having committed murder in South Africa.

Kajee a 21 year old Indian formerly of Durban and described as a cinema projectionist of Fulham South west London was further remanded in custody for a week. The police stating that the papers in the case were being sent to the first available plane from South Africa.

Mr Humphreys said that the alleged murder was committed in South Africa on December 30th and Kajee was arrested a fortnight later. He was remanded on January 3 1943 no evidence having offered.

He was allowed to go to India where he joined the Merchant Navy, and was discharged in England a July last Kajee, said Mr Humphreys then entered a government sponsored training college in electrical engineering and was now undergoing the practical part of the training in the operating box at a London cinema.

"His father lives in South Africa and is a prominent Indian, and is attacked by certain political elements said Mr Humphreys, adding that nothing more was heard of the accused man until the end of last year when a question after question was asked in the South African Parliament about the alleged murder and why an arrest had been made.

These questions every time brought in the father and it is particularly obvious that an attack was being made against the father and the son was being used as a weapon in the course of this political squabble said Mr Humphreys.

Four alleged witnesses had complained to their solicitors, he said, of the methods that were being used by the police in South Africa to obtain a statement from them.

In my submission, and I realise the gravity of what I am saying, that is an attempt by some person or persons to misuse the English legal procedure for South African political ends. I say that it is an unjust prosecution.'

Kajee had always said that if there was anything to answer he would go back and answer it.

Mr Humphreys submitted that this case was rightfully disposed of three years ago.

The Court asked him if he could inform the sufficiency for the papers must arrive by next Monday and said if all the evidence would be investigated as to whether there was a prima facie case for the return of Kajee to South Africa. The Court was not prepared to grant bail in this case of murder.—Supa Ilustra

SAPA-REUTER NEWS

United Nations Assembly

London, Tuesday

Representatives from 51 nations are gathering for the historic inaugural meeting of the general assembly of the United nations. The countries with the greatest power are given the greatest responsibilities in the organisation which could inevitably be dominated by the big five. The big five are automatically members of the most vital branch, the Security Council and by the recent Moscow decision they also be members of the Commission to be set up to control and develop atomic energy for peaceful ends. It is the big five who, in the more will be responsible for giving the United Nations Organisation its teeth such as it is a chain of mail of the big five who will meet in London soon to make plans for the formation of an international force charged with assuring that the decisions are carried out and the organisations authority is not flouted. However the general assembly will also be an opportunity for the dominions and smaller nations to express their views on matters of outlining peace. Canada is expected to figure prominently among the middle and smaller powers and may be given a seat on the Security Council and the proposed atomic energy control commission. The appointment of the Trusteeship Council should prove interesting as it is subject to a wide divergence of opinion. South Africa in taking up her stand directly opposed to that of New Zealand which like Russia and the Philippines want all mandated territories to come under this Council.

South Africa is resisting the proposal that South West Africa should be removed from Union control and handed over to the Trusteeship Council. Apart from the fact that South West Africa has been administered as an integral part of South Africa—which at any rate in other mandated territories—a strong case to prevent the Union's attitude is the government's argument that a large percentage of the people in South West Africa are Germans naturals. Mr Leif Fraser, the New Zealand Prime Minister has already said he will back to the uttermost territory of Samoa in the west Pacific to the Trusteeship Council. India is also interested, has—if directly in the future of trust territories and the Indian delegation proposes to help bring into existence a Trusteeship Council to be responsible for all and new mandated territories. Because this gathering of the nations offers a unique opportunity for discussing problems will be discussed which do not appear within the scope of the conference.

Indian Immigration

Washington Tuesday

President Truman at his press conference announced himself as firmly in favour of immigrations from India to the United States. He said he thought the United States should do for India in respect of immigration what it had already done in China. The President in answer to Indian questions said that these and Representatives would on the Indian Immigration Bill that the Administration is firmly behind it. The measure due to come from the Senate and motion were also interested to convene a January 1 It was passed by the House. Representatives on October 19 It

[redacted] as an immigration quota [redacted] Indians a year and [redacted] actual arrival [redacted] 4,000 [redacted] now living in the United [redacted]

Strikers Demand Better Wages

Madras, Tuesday

Fifteen numbering about [redacted] the Kolar goldfields where over [redacted] are employed went on [redacted] yesterday while other workers are expected to follow [redacted] The strikers, who took a secret ballot are demanding better wages and conditions. A strike is reported to [redacted] The Government Labour Commissioner [redacted] who will [redacted] to [redacted] with the management [redacted] against [redacted] a [redacted] strike [redacted] was [redacted] routes in the town [redacted] Police are [redacted] to be kept [redacted] through the street.

Moslems Attack Procession In Honour Of Heroes

Bombay Tuesday

The riot records have broken out when a procession in honour of the troops of the Indian National Army was attacked by Moslems armed with lathis (bamboo staves). Seven shops were burned down and a cinema and a house were also set on fire. Police fired two rounds in the air and the people were killed instantaneously and one more died in hospital. Several more were injured and the police took 85 persons into custody.

Ships On Fire

Colombo, Tuesday

Two fires broke out on the ship *Pan American* while she was in drydock in Colombo harbour after unloading a large quantity of fuel and wheat. The fires, which originated in the engine room and adjoining section, were promptly brought under control by the ship's fire service. The cause of the fires is unknown and damage is not believed to be heavy.

Mahatma Admonishes People

Gauhati (Assam) Thursday

"We Indians seem likely to achieve independence maybe within a few months said Mahatma Gandhi in a statement here. On his arrival from Calcutta to begin his tour in Assam, the most eastern province of India. Says the Post West [illegible] dug) was made of many Indians who were then shouting slogans Mahatma Gandhi and many local people who had died in the [illegible] in their hearts during the night. Mahatma Gandhi said last night was terrible for me. I have spent the past in one [illegible] many days and have to live to [illegible] age of 125 years. Disturbing undisciplined

Hundred Rupee Note At Premium

Bombay Sunday

Currency notes of 100 rupees [illegible] which were usually being sold at between 95 and 97 rupees in Bombay yesterday were today quoted at a premium of ten rupees 15 p. This followed the announcement yesterday that issue of larger denomination would not be legal tender from today. The government announcement said that the whole capital of the black market would be moved to be largely held in the form of high denomination notes. Millions of rupees worth of gold bars changed hands yesterday and are reported today to have been held at a very high premium though the forward trading rate of gold had been fixed at a maximum of 84 rupees. Gold rose from 73 to 96 rupees yesterday but today was reported to be quoted at 82 rupees. The board of the bullion exchange will meet tomorrow to consider steps to meet the situation. Diamonds were also much in demand yesterday and today sold at a very high premium silver prices remained steady

South African News In Brief

Colour Bar

The City Licensing Officer is given the power to arrange for the erection of barriers in the licensing department to provide separate spaces for Europeans and non Europeans and a total of £220 has been approved for the purpose. Already in the City Treasurers department are separated from the Europeans are separated from the Europeans who go to do business in that department.

Rationing

Officials of the Durban Indian child welfare society interviewed the Local food controller Mr Vanstreenberg during the week in the food position in Durban and lodged some form of rationing of food stuffs that are in short supply The matter is under consideration and there is a likelihood of rationing on limited scale being introduced within the next few weeks. The Government approves of it.

S A Indian Congress

A conference of the South African Indian Congress is likely to be held during the first week of February at Capetown soon after the return of Mr H. M Dadoo the High Commissioner from India It would probably be an emergency conference to discuss the present position of Indians and the impending legislation against them and as to what action should be taken on their behalf if such legislation be on any way interfere with their existing rights, following upon the repeal of the Feetgiey Act if carried out by the Union Government.

Last Sunday a committee meeting of the Transvaal Indian Congress took place at the Gandhi Hall Johannesburg and several committees were appointed as well as committees to the South African Indian Congress empowered.

Communist Party

The South African Communist Party held a four-day conference in Johannesburg commencing on 2 th December It was decided that the headquarters of the party remain in Capetown for another year The central Committee was elected as follows W H Andrews National Chairman Moses Kotane General Secretary Ray Alexander N. A. Nolsberg Lionel Phillip Bert Sachs Harry Saltzbar Dr Y Dadoo Daisy Dadoo Duplain A Lester Michael Harold Edwin Molinitsyane M. Mathi and Billy Peters First second and three I am the central committee

Communist Meeting

At a meeting of the Communist Party held on Friday last at the Gandhi Hall to protest against the Pegging Act Dr Yusef Dadoo president of the Transvaal Indian Congress, and a member of the central committee of the Communist Party and Miss Hilda Watts were the principal speakers.

A Fess Office

The application of the Prime to the Sick Association for the use of one furnished room at the City Health Dept, which is primarily Annexe in the purpose of carrying after care work and any [illegible] activities associated with in the furtherance of Tuberculosis controlled within the City was granted to the Association, subject to the condition that was made during the absence of the city council, and he terminable upon the service of three months notice in writing in the Association The rental of the accommodation provided in he £5 per month

Patel-Patel Wedding

Mr Sridhir Kumar nephew of Mr B. K. Patel of Johannesburg was married to Miss Raina daughter of Mr and Mrs D B. Patel of East London on Sunday the 5th January in the midst of a large gathering of relatives and friends.

Sigamoney—Sigamoney Wedding

Reginald Devanagan son of Rev. B. L. E. Sigamoney was married in Marjorie Mansions to Miss Sheila Ann Moodley of Durban at St. Aidans Church, Durban, on Wednesday the 9th January

Obituary

The death has occurred at Port Elizabeth of Mr Govindasamy Akhmeedan at the age of 81 years. Mr Akhmeedan was a well known leader in Port Elizabeth circles and was well attended by all section of the community and floral tributes were received. Mr Akhmeedan is survived by his wife and 10 children to mourn their loss.

Abba Chetlon died within a few days from a paralytic stroke. He served in the Great War as a Private in the S.A.I.M.C. for about three years. His funeral took place at Cato Manor cemetery where there were present a large number of relatives and friends. Mr Engo of Blackwoof in whose employ he was a good Trustee for over 20 years bore testimonary to the excellent qualities as a man and a worker He leaves a wife and three child ren to mourn their loss

BACK TO NORMAL

AFTER 4 YEARS CRIPPLING RHEUMATISM

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SOCIALISM AND GANDHISM

By PROF ANATH GOPAL SEN In The Modern Review

MARXIAN socialism as we all know, does not recognise private property or personal profit. All instruments of production such as land or factory must belong to the State and all trade and commerce have also to come under its management. The role of all citizens then in this work is paid employees under an single all embracing employer—the State. This unitary organisation of the human race on an equal footing by removing all inherent causes leading to this painful inequality by means of altering each man's economic opportunity political power and social status to all. It was even decided to do away with all honorary and titles ensuring all special power and privilege. And as the Church formed a considered adjunct of the State and lent its giant moral support to all the claims and upheld and glorified its inherent wrong and doctrine of the poor and the oppressed with a halo of sanctity so the manual religion so rail gion also came in for much criticism and was a taboo in this newly conceived society. They went further and in their sublime feelings, the ardent instinct on the old traditional moral precepts and practices make the world as if this new society completely is to say had it would seem in their revolt against all past principles and practices, all sentiments and almost one which reflected our moral urge and guided our social relations so long were declared outmoded. So if was permissible for a husband in disgust his wife or a wife to divorce her husband by dropping a post card to the Post Office and to take a fresh wife or a fresh husband was only a routine of a few minutes by attendance at the Marriage Registrar's office. It followed therefore that love was a kind of undesirable weakness or a sort of perversion which should not be acknowledged as the basis of relation between the two sexes. And to parade their view that the sex only mattered in their relations many young people in it used with much lèse-majesté to the limit of misusing the silver sea as bread daylight in public road shouting [illegible] *Mother fix us* by Mary of Hindoo) The immoral literature of Tolstoy Pushkin Chekhov was also to be boycotted but they might weaken our minds thought at first neither sense and sensibility. What bitter and fiery feelings it revolt against the past,—Dazzle in the mire and corruption hypocrisy and heartlessness, exploitation and oppression rampant in the so called civilised society of today! But it could be admitted that these things and extreme feelings having achieved their object though a process of terrific vendetta were trying to subside and re-joint themselves in a more dispassion ate frame of mind. Strange though it may seem the swing of the pendulum is now within on the opposite direction. The past history and culture which abandoned for their association with the old dangerous ones are now being introduced with new zeal and vigour from which the heroic tales and parables of the long dead kings and Emperors of the south hate their every turn are now included internationalism which was the very basis of this new world creed is steadily giving place to an intense feeling of nationalism. Internationalism now means there abroad in name, as a political ideal, as in other imperialistic countries. Inequality in wealth, power and status is already making its re-appearance. The only difference being that in place of the old rich and aristocratic class, a new class has raised its head from amongst the Party tariat as Managers and Directors of collective farms and factories. This new class is now confronted with a new kind of problem. Their problem is how to spend or invest the huge income which they are now permitted to draw as wages from the State, as both the old methods of expenditure and investment are yet denied to them. There is a limit to the purchase of consumers goods in case of each individual within the country and their export from abroad by private citizens is not permitted. How are they to spend or invest money—a theory in this they perish. It may be invested in interest bearing Government bonds but if this additional income cannot be put use in any private enterprise or speculation to increase dual desire for purchasing movable or immovable property or any other lucrative thing it will be an individual burden in him make use to [illegible] a dull a way so as to exterminate greed does not permit but still or even aesthetic pleasure On the other hand there already the problem of surplus production [illegible] Russia. Thus on the other hand there is surplus caused by money in the hands of the citizens on the one side and [illegible] people on the other there is unwanted production in some spheres. The probable tendency of such a situation is towards reopening of foreign trade on capitalistic lines. That is to say, protection as old be only for consumption of the people and not for sale in terms of money throughout the world with a view to making profit — this fundamental principle of socialism is to be abandoned and they are in revolt to the first step towards State aggression and international trade. The next step is for private and capitalistic commerce all world war. Of course they are trying their best to avoid and a tiptoeable situation but the circumstances in which they had the machine today seem to be beyond their control and it is doubtful if they will be able to keep sense of it in spite of the fundamental principles involved.

Let us now examine why it is so. They were trying to remold man and society. In [illegible] on a new model based on [illegible] which they had the machine today seem to be beyond their control and it is doubtful if they will be able to keep sense of it in spite of the fundamental principles involved.

Let us now examine why it is so. They were trying to remold man and society. In [illegible] on a new model based on [illegible] which they proposed to enunciate their theory based on certain assumptions which are unfortunately them selves untenable. Let me state them assumptions one by one. First there are two and only two classes of people living in human society that rich employers and the poor employees and the one oppresses the other. Besides these two there is no class existing else on earth. Secondly the physical hunger of the man

[illegible] ruin and the history of civilisation in their story [illegible] struggle for existence [illegible] eternal march of man [illegible] unknown and [illegible] Thirdly [illegible] human society and [illegible] in the present social [illegible] and can be easily [illegible] by mutual change [illegible] future. He also [illegible] to take no notice [illegible] and they take [illegible] limited just [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

INDIA LETTER

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Bretton Woods And India

The Indian commercial community are deeply interested in the decision taken by the Government of India finally to ratify the Bretton Woods agreement. Sir Jeremy Raisman, former Finance Member who led the Indian Delegation to the Conference had given a pledge in the Central Legislature and the matter that the former would be consulted before the Government took a decision to sign the agreement. The report of the Bretton Woods Conference and the proposal for starting the International Monetary Fund and the Bank were before the whole world for some 12 months. The Government of India had ample time to place before the Central Legislature sometime in August or September before it was dissolved when they had no time to devote attention in debating the last budget session in October the Central Legislature was dissolved and the new Legislature would not be summoned earlier than the third week of January

Because of the unhealthy state of political affairs, the Government of India would not take any decision till the British Government made up its mind. The latter very naturally used the American anxiety for the establishment of the International Monetary Fund and the Bank as a bargained for a big loan from America which she got last year on her own terms. It is well known fact that American emissions had come to Britain and Britain became the tail that without the supervision of Great Britain has chances of bringing the I.M.F. and the Bank in its existence were slender indeed. So the loan was granted first to Britain agreed to ratify the Bretton Woods Conference decisions which was done only three weeks ago by Parliament. Then the Majority Government accepted the Bretton Woods proposals, the Government of India was expected to follow suit. Since it had no time to consult the Legislature, it unilaterally decided to ratify the agreement giving the same excuse that the Commercial Bodies whom the Government consulted favoured ratification of the agreement. The pledge given to the Central Legislature was given a good bye.

The question for the country now to consider is not whether the Bretton Woods proposals would benefit India but whether the advantages of joining the International Fund and the Bank as an original Member would be of any profit to it. There could be no question that in the world to be filled immediately by joining the Fund and the Bank as an original member proved as capital set up as independent national units. It was a point at the British Government. Hence the Government of India's decision to ratify the Bretton woods agreement would mean henceforth if India is able to have her own National Government formed by popular bodies.

Cricket In India

The Indian Cricket Control Board is meeting sometime at the end of January or in the early part of February next is mixed the captain for the English tour and also to appoint a Select Committee to choose the team. Qty Satyaji is greatly a topic gentleman willing to inspect dissimilation over Merchant's skipping appointment of Indian cricket cricketer as well as players. Mr Merchant suddenly became the unknown and proved so much as the great Indian Master at the recent impressive matches against Australian Services XI Eleven and I sincerely congratulate the Board on its wise decision in handing the honours and arranging field which added distinction to Indian cricket. Although one being made to bring the Princes again to Indian cricket, I do not think it worth pushing forward candidatures. Nawab Pataudi and Vizianagram of Patiala, the former because of his King like appearance and the latter because he is the best batsman in colored discipline. Nawab Pataudi has not played any big representative match since his accident in India. Maharaj of Patiala is thirty two years old and although I am told that he is the keenest the Indian XI against Jack Ridge's team at the Bombay cancelled test. Captaincy will have a large say as to the selection of the Indian team.

The Selection Committee is likely to consist of three representatives of the Cricket Control Board. It Subbarayan, President Prince Duleepsinh once famous Cricketer and Chief place is likely to be filled up either by Mr A S D Maillow Vice President of the Cricket Control Board or the veteran cricketer Col. C K Nayudu

The following are considered probables for the Indian team:

Vijay Merchant (astounding remarkable family cricket Thackeray group of textile mills, born in Bombay in 1911 has had extraordinary since he acted in second defence first to comprise three thousand runs in the last Ranji tournament with thirteen fifties figure innings, highest 359 not out right-handed with very strong defence, plays all strokes with penchant for hook. He recently he scored 154 not out for his second test against Australian Services XI in Calcutta. He is a model modern type change bowler doesn't feel. He explained Indian XI against Tempest XI Lal Hindus is Bombay Pentangular fame times, also recently exploited India against Australian Services XI

L. Amarnath a commander of the Punjab, serving Patiala Army born in 1911 prove Hal batsman popularly hailed as India's Bradman. His sharp all-round wicket rich in variety strokes driving and square cutting are his strong point. He scored a century in his first appearance in the Indian test against Jardine's XI scored 1073 last Ranji highest 144 bright record in the Pentangular but recently did not participate in the Bombay carnival as Maharaja of Patiala is opposing communal cricket. Recently he was against Australian XI 1st in Delhi and 117 in the 1st test in Madras. Hazaril and Miller class like no star batsman I model on the lines of Walter Hammond and Stan McCabe. Medium pace bowling right hand bowler good field any position

Mushtaq Ali Lieutenant Indore Army C K. Nayudu greatest, born on December 19 1918 is the well built, audacious aggressive and surprising right hand bat, typical easy his teacher famous C K. left arm bowler, good field, married to Muslim XI of the last Bombay Pentangular was sensational match against Vijay Merchants XI owing to sheer luck. He recently scored a century before lunch against Australian Services XI in Delhi. Hazaril found it difficult to get full face him has a wonderful eye

Vinoo Mankad twenty eight years old, educated by Shastri professional Wensley first class all rounder in the opening batsman aggressive hitter Hazaril wonderful him with Larry wrists best left hand slow bowler. Keeps almost impossible length flight.

C S Naidu Sammy C K.'s younger brother serving Indore State along with his brother, born in April 1916 India's best right arm speedy brilliant field with deadly accurate pitching throwing took 13 wickets in Hazil tournament outstanding but always going, he is seven days in fifty

Vijay Hazare also C K. predecessor 37 all rounder medium pace bowler, proved a great success against Australian Services XI at Bombay Steady bat, second 2nd test Bombay Pentangular with Merchant later on retained

Ilam Mod a in Law College at Indore in the coming between and 1—11 century against Aus A Services XI at Madras playing by until slow bowling easy method only bowler formed Indian tour

Hammied born in October 1913, Indian Ancient right arm bowler today He learned Ranji land in 1936 was mainly responsible outbowling Australian Madras test. He was serving Jamnagar but now in Tata iron Steel Works.

Sarwate born in July 1920, Indian C.E. graduate, serving Indore State, good all rounder has opening A. Indian XI Bombay bowler united Australian XI at Madras test mainly control hated in limit victory

Shangabari born in April 1916, batsman Madras City Police services, always a trier rare type fast medium bowler, brilliant field in close position took seven wickets in his first Ranji in 1940.

Gul Mahamad aged twenty-five, Baroda State Services, India's best right wrist spinner, many hats of sums, unrivalled speed and quickest returns also a dog left-handed bat. Hon Secretary to the Bombay Pentangular

Abdul Hafiz aged twenty-six, student Punjab University, an unknown all round batsman, left-hand bat and bowler scored 173 took five wickets against Australian Services XI Lahore, and 161 not out in Poona combined Universities against Hazril XI

Gritney Ahmed aged twenty-eight, Osmania University Hyderabad another promising left-hand bowler varying slightly at times produces offbreaks which might look much on the disconcert at a batsman

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IMPENDING INDIAN CRISIS

STATEMENT BY TRANSVAAL INDIAN CONGRESS

THE discussion on the Indian question by General Smuts the Prime Minister, with European representatives had its repercussion on the South African Indians who are alarmed at the unfavourable turn the events have taken. The trend of de-

[illegible] considered to affect very much national honour and economic existence in the Union. It is feared that the [illegible] legislature would be outspoken in championing and actively opposing to the utmost of its [illegible] the [illegible] voteless Indians in South Africa.

The Working Committee of the Natal Indian Congress met at Durban on [illegible] and decided to [illegible] round table conference [illegible] honourable settlement [illegible] and an appeal to the [illegible] stimulated between India and Africa whose geographical [illegible] still [illegible] closer co-[illegible]

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Telegram To The Prime Minister By T.I.C.

The Indian community learns with great alarm from the reports of the Governor General's speech which conveys the fact that the Government intends in the near future to place in the Pegging Act new legislation aiming at [illegible] racial separation and ultimately leading to economic [illegible] [illegible] social [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

grass on under the guise of transfers between Europeans whereas the European purchaser has, in reality been a dummy for Asiatics returned.

It has been almost impossible to arrest this type of evasion but it is likely now that they will be forced into the open. What is more the Trustee prevents transactions all over Natal unless, by fortuitous circumstance, they fall in the exempted areas.

Provisions for the future has been made in that Parliament may apply the exemption provisions to other areas than will appear in the Bill.

The fact that the Government have made the prohibition applicable to both occupation and acquisition is an indication that they do not believe that occupational control alone can meet the position in Government views may subscribe to the opinion that occupation can gradually lead to encroachment on such a scale that, ultimately, a claim would be lodged for acquisition owing to occupation by a given race on a predominant scale.

In his speech, reported by S.A.P.A General Smuts said:— As announced in the Speech from the Throne made at the opening of this Session of Parliament it is the intention of the Government to introduce during this Session a Bill dealing with land tenure in the Province of Natal

The provision relating to land tenure will apply to the whole of the Province and will contain a prohibition against transactions for the acquisition of fixed property between Asiatics and persons who are not Asiatics other than fixed property in certain exempted areas which will be specified in the Bill and in such other areas as may be exempted by Parliamentary resolutions from time to time.

The Bill will also provide for certain restrictions in regard to the occupation by Asiatics or Europeans, respectively, of land or premises outside those exempted areas. The Bill when passed by Parliament, will have retrospective effect, as from, January 22.

This will mean that transactions for the acquisition of fixed property entered into on or after this date in contravention of the provisions of the Bill as passed by Parliament will be null and void and that this date will also be the decisive date as regards rights of occupation of land or premises within the Province.

As it would be undesirable and unjust to interfere retroactively with rights which may be acquired between this date and the date of promulgation of this legislation, we have any reason to anticipate such a restrictive measure the Government have decided that this statement should be made so as to enable persons who would otherwise have an equitable claim to the protection of rights which become vested between these dates

NEW MEASURE

WORSE THAN PEGGING ACT AND PRETORIA AGREEMENT

A QUICK reading of the Prime Minister's statement with the political correspondent of the *Daily News*, suggests that the new measure will go much further than the Pretoria agreement, and that it will embrace most of the points covered by the Residential Property Regulations Ordinance, which was passed by the Provincial Council on November 9, 1944 but not assented to by the Governor-General.

It appears to involve the zoning of the Province of Natal for all transactions in fixed property between Asiatics and non-Asiatics and to control occupation throughout the Province. No Asiatic, accordingly, will be permitted to acquire property from any other racial group in Natal except in certain specified areas which are to be defined in the Bill and which may be added to from time to time by Parliamentary resolution.

It is assumed that the exempted areas (in which property transaction will be permitted) will be those where Asiatics already predominate, and possibly one other areas which may be considered as a most suitable for Asiatic occupation and investment. It is interesting to recall that the Natal Post War Planning Committee issued a report recently in which it divided Greater Durban into areas which it recommended should be reserved for European and non-European occupation. This division followed fairly closely a similar division suggested by the Durban City Council's own post war committee.

In areas of this character it is likely that Indians will be able to buy and sell without any restriction whatever.

Outside the exempted areas, moreover, it is assumed that there will be no corresponding restriction of Asiatic occupation.

A hurt reading of this provision suggests that it is intended to protect Asiatics already living in areas which are regarded as European areas. Similarly European living in areas which are, or have become predominantly Asiatic will not be uprooted against their will.

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INDIANS IN THE UNION

In his issue of January 22 the *Natal Mercury* writes as follows under the above heading:—

GENERAL SMUTS's statement in the House of Assembly yesterday on the Indian question will be received with relief by most of the European community in Natal. The limited structure of the Pegging Act of 1943 is not only to be continued but its provisions are to be extended to the whole of Natal, with certain exempted areas. Acquisition as well as occupation of properties is, therefore, to be controlled and thus the main European objection to the much debated Pretoria Agreement is fully met. It would, however, be wise to remember that the Prime Minister's statement was made with one primary object to prevent any move of transfers during the period when the Pegging Act would nominally have lapsed and new legislation was not on the Statute Book. All General Smuts really did was to warn would-be speculators that the new Act will be retrospective to January 22. This was only reasonable and fair but it would be a mistake to assume that what the Prime Minister said in all he has to say on the Indian question as a whole.

After all the matter of a million Indians in the Union have won rights. Promises have been made, and neither General Smuts—whose is fully conscious of opinion outside South Africa—nor anyone else can altogether forget the associations which have been opened over the past three years. The Prime Minister is not likely to be unduly influenced by pressure from Delhi, Washington or London. On the other hand he cannot turn principles of elementary justice, he has been one of the leading figures in moulding world opinion to the rights of minorities.

His statement was his last word, he might as well abdicate his place in international councils. No witness in the modern world would it be accepted that a taxpaying community as large as the Indian community in South Africa should be completely without representation in Parliament, to say no less of on Provincial Councils and Municipalities. It is extremely unlikely that General Smuts has any intention of sending himself unpopular for any such reactionary policy. While he will stand by the principle that European interests in South Africa must be adequately protected it will indeed be unjust if, when the new racial legislation is introduced he does not go a long way towards meeting the just aspirations of the Indians.

Indian demands for franchise on the Common Roll are the most likely out of the question. Any South African Government attempting to push such legislation through Parliament would in the present circumstances be committing political suicide. There are however, other ways of giving the Indians representation under [illegible] system. A similar system should not be introduced in this country. Unless a separate Roll Indians could elect, say, three representatives to the House of Assembly and one to the Senate. In the long run it would probably mean the election of Europeans and similar representation could be provided for the Provincial and Municipal Councils. To Indians, of course, it may [illegible] for the Common Roll, but they might as well realise at once that that is not within the bounds of practical politics. In addition to the franchise they are also entitled to proper council and educational amenities. These are matters which are bound to come to the fore front during the next few months, and the European community having won its case in regard to the question of land occupation of [illegible] world be well advised to take [illegible] view of new measures designed to confirm the [illegible] if they have a real place in the future of South Africa

A PLAN FOR INDIANS

Under the above heading the *Natal Daily News* writes as follows in its issue of 22nd January:

THE final test of the legislation in the enlightened of the Indian question in Natal which General Smuts outlined in the Union of Assembly yesterday will not come until plans are published detailing the size, quality and locality of the "exempted areas." It is a preliminary statement only, but both politically and economically its implications are exact. From the data of the statement transactions for the acquisition of fixed property between Asiatics and non-Asiatics are invalidated save in the "exempted areas" which are to be specified later. The new legislation will apply to the whole of Natal, and the Prime Minister was urgent in his warning that any attempt to rush through purchases and transactions coming the working of the law which Parliament is to be asked to pass later in the session. It appears therefore that the new measure goes further than the Pretoria Agreement and is a long step nearer to the official aiming of the Province, as the Bill will provide restrictions upon the occupation as well as the acquisition of property outside the "exempted areas." Yesterday's announcement must be read as a peremptory "stand still" order pending the delimitation of the new areas. If they are genuine as also capable of absorbing both population and economic must, there should be ample scope both for future endowments in adequate number and for the exercise of the capital resources in Indian possession.

That the Indians—and a handful of European idealists—will dislike the legislation to contain. That there will be clamour against it from abroad is a foregone conclusion that may seem idealistic approach to the problem is possible in some of the present main turn of South African political society, will be counted by everyone who surveys the scene unsentimentally. The White man refuses to subsume in favour of the Indian in Natal and he regards the removal of all restrictions in the purchase and occupation of property as unthinkable to abdication. No foreseeable Prime Minister in the foreseeable future, could economically pass equalitarian legislation in these matters through the South African Parliament. The proposed legislation therefore, is in full accord with the spirit of the Pact pact pact pact free without distinction of class or party. It remains, then, for General Smuts to see that the "exempted areas" are delimited generously and intelligibly and that every necessity is given to the Indian people to develop their own measure of political self government, particularly in those areas, might well serve mean these one good purpose. Property, and residence questions are at the basis of the present problem. Once they are in process of settlement, the call for more liberal political advance will be heard. It could be unwise in great haste to hardly and so reluctantly that agitation could be given a more forcing ground. The opening cause has once been ode with Indian and community Both will be united when the detail stage is reached

M Ps Are Delighted

Parliamentary opinion on the Government statement about "freezing property transactions in Natal between Asiatics and others" was last night that most of all the Natal M Ps are delighted with the bill appears.

Natal Indians Decide To Observe Prayer Day

As indications to be sent to a position of prominent in Union in India to come to South Africa to study the position of the Indian in the country

This was decided at an emergency committee meeting in Durban called by the Natal Indian Congress to consider the Prime Minister's recent speech introduced on the Pegging Act and the giving of the communal franchise to Indians. Delegates from all over Natal attended.

The meeting also decided to send delegations to India and England to explain the Indians position in South Africa

The whole history of the anti-Indian agitation and the Pegging Act was fully discussed. The deliberations on this subject also took nearly eight hours.

The meeting endorsed the action of the Congress in requesting General Smuts to give the Indians an opportunity of studying the proposed legislation which is to take the place of the Pegging Act before it is presented to the Parliament

The Indian community will hold a national day of prayer on February 11. The meeting decided that this should be held annually until the Indians in the Union are free from the anti-democratic laws.

A special email e of the Executive of the South African Congress has been summoned in order that the Conference may be held in Durban. Mr Dadi Singh Organising Secretary of the Natal Indian Congress is being sent to Johannesburg on Tuesday to discuss with the Transvaal Indian Congress the possibility of mooting a joint delegation overseas and also a joint campaign of resistance within the country

Natal Indians are determined to resist with all the means at their disposal the new attempts to segregate them and destroy their economic progress.

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CABLE NEWS

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

SIND ELECTIONS

SIND which is one of Jinnah's key provinces went to the polls on Monday the 21st instant. Public holiday was declared in the entire province of Sind on account of its being the polling day. Government took every precautionary measure to maintain law and order. District authorities of Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur and Larkana promulgated orders under section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code prohibiting the carrying of any weapons within a radius of one mile from the polling station and in those areas also meetings and processions were prohibited within two furlongs from polling booths in order to avoid a clash between supporters of rival candidates. Government also warned against impersonation and empowered the police to arrest any false voters on the spot without warrants. Special police force was also employed in order to preserve order. Party leaders concentrated on rural areas while five forty six out of fifty one seats allotted to territorial constituencies also of which half a dozen seats for special interests of women land holders seems to me. Even persons like making ninety Muslim Leaguers and about thirty-three out of thirty five Muslim members in Sind House of Representatives. Prime Minister controlling on behalf of League the landholders' constituency which has total voting power. There are eleven constituencies in which Muslim Hindus and three are Muslims constituencies two seats in this non-interested Congress extended moral support to Mahbi Government Premier who was the Public Health Minister. Congress contesting twenty-two non-Muslim constituencies but finding moral support to eighteen Nationalist Muslims in two special constituencies. Three Europeans returned unopposed. Congress gained also unopposed returns and in consistent of capturing eleven non-Muslim seats. Some eighteen were expressed about two contests. Even here opposition are fighting Congress on grounds of personal prestige and if elected are expected to join the Congress Party. Thus Congress will definitely command twenty two non-Muslim seats. The Congress Muslim group under Jinnah has a leadership in contesting eighteen seats where the Sikh is very keen. Until the end of December the League was confident of snatching all the thirty three seats but G. M. Syed's revolt damaged the situation. League Party leaders now admit that the League might capture only twenty six seats leaving eight to ten to the Muslim Party group whom they call 'Quislings' and fight group whom they call 'Kabals'. Syed's rebellion against League has resulted in a three cornered fight in more constituencies which gives an advantage to Muslim Independent group. Prospects of League securing outright majority over thirty to House of sixty almost out of Court. If Nationalist Muslims capture ten seats as hoped in Muslim Bar group Nationalist Muslim Coalition will command majority and stand better chance of forming a Ministry. Counting votes in Sind is waited with great interest. Polling is very brisk so over sixty per cent. voters were reported to have recorded votes.

BIHAR ELECTIONS

No unanimous Ritad Bihar provinces where elections assumes in the middle of February. Congress is contesting one hundred and eleven seats out of a total of one hundred and fifty two all excluding so far have returned unopposed in including Angchia Narayan Sinha, former Finance Minister, Muslimsahar late Editor of *Sanchihgh*, and three other ex parliamentary secretariat. Sri Krishna Sinha, former Premier is facing three-cornered contest Minda Sahha candidate and Independent Minda Socialist demands Sinha, Liberal Leader and ex Finance Minister Masters scheme has been returned unopposed in the University constituency. Sorting examination papers are expected this week with results of many unopposed Congress candidates returned. This sixty per cent. Congress candidates are likely to be returned unopposed to contest constituency while Congress will get roughly sixty-five unopposed. Congress hopes to get much another forty five seats. Congress is directly challenging nearly 79 Muslim League constituencies.

SOCIALISM AND GANDHISM

By PROF. ANATH GOPAL SEN in The Modern Review

(Continued from last week)

we shall have to prepare steel jackets of the same size and imprison all men to them just as the Chinese would cripple the feet from birth of little women. In that case we only have all men of the same standard height just like the lilliput feet of the Chinese girls. But what specimen of humanity! Can such fight against nature succeed or will succeed, what good can it bring to an accept minds of the human race by an indirect slow process.

Gandhiji fully realises this and hence he says

"My ideal is equal distribution but so far as I can see, it is not to be reached. I therefore, work for equitable distribution."

He further says

"The idea of inequality of 'high and low' is an evil but I do not believe in eradicating evil from the human breast at point of the bayonet. The human brutal does not lend itself to that means."

The truth is we cannot make man the physical and intellectual equality of all men. Inequality and equal start in life, some are bound to go ahead and acquire some power and influence than others in course of time. The remedy does not lie therefore in keeping them suppressed by force or violence or by doing away with private property and private enterprise altogether but in so remodelling our economic structure and social fabric which while allowing reasonable outlet for the human instinct of personal enterprise and possession, will give as an outcome check to the accumulation of all wealth and power in increasingly fewer hands as at present. Russia has realised the weakness of her methods and are now trying to retrace her steps and readjust herself as I had already indicated. But as some of her basic propositions are weak and unsound, I can already she will no longer be able to lead the suffering world to her original goal to her original goal of International and classless society based on true democracy though she has attained in herself a first rank position in the world and may retain it for some time. She is again before cross roads.

Let us discuss her position at once detail. The opposites that human society is divided into two classes only—the capitalist and the labourer—was one of the weaknesses because all kinds of classification may be considered unreal in view of all the affection and sufferings that followed the nineteenth century industrial Revolution from widespread social disintegration, it was not essentially true.

(To be continued)

LATEST NEWS

Morris Alexander Dead

As we go to press we learn of the death of Mr. Morris Alexander M.L.C., Capetown, who has been a life long friend of the Indian community who deeply regret his death. We shall write more fully about him in our next issue.

Laundry Strike

This strike is dragging its weary way while the employers are improving in the amount of the work they are doing. An appeal has been made by the workers to the Government for the appointment of an arbitrator. The Government has not yet replied

INDIA LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent)

ON Friday December 28 last the Indian National Congress completed its 60th Anniversary thus in want of time the Congress leaders would not organise a special function on a country-wide scale to celebrate the event. There was a limit to feeling in Bombay presided over by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel It will prove worthwhile to review the policies adopted by the Congress in the past

The Congress was started sixty years ago by a Sishmanished Civilian a Britisher Mr Allan Octavian Hume who after holding high admin in the Government of India retired and settled down in this country The suggestion to start the Congress was made by Lord Dufferin the then Viceroy of India who wanted a popular organisation to work in mental reforms, but Hume who had other ideas in his mind in his official career to bring the administration in line with the life and aspirations of the people wanted a popular congress mainly which Government might look for reliable reflection of Indian opinion K T Telang persuaded the Congress to adopt politics as the line of least resistance since social reforms could be carried by the Government alone efficiently thus the popular organisation

After ten years the Congress had its first crisis when the Age of Consent Bill raising the limit of the age of girls below which parent intercourse was criminal and in refused the law in marital relation roused strong opposition from the conservative section of the population The Social reform Conference which had been started as an adjunct to the Congress used to be held every year in the Congress Pandal When this issue flamed to its climax the Congress Lokmanya Tilak objected to the (Social) Conference being held in the Congress Pandal but the Congress leaders overruled him. However Mr Ranade, Secretary of the Social Conference lifted over the crisis and prevented a split in the Congress by Tilak by holding the Social Conference in another place.

During the first decade of the Congress administrative reforms within the system a predominates had been the main objective of Congress Towards the end of the second decade the Congress had declared at the instance of Gokhale mild Government on the Colonial model as the goal of the Congress Prosecution of Tilak for sedition and the apology of Gokhale produced a rift in the Congress ranks which developed into an open split in 1907 at Surat. The parting of Bengal had its own repercussions The Madras Congress of 1914 was the last session held on the original lines. Lokmanya Tilak got control of the Congress after an initial struggle with Dr Besant which Home Rule as the ideal of the Congress. On his death in 1920 Mahatma Gandhi stepped into his shoes with attainment of Swaraj as the goal. In 1927 at the Madras Congress S. Srinivasa Iyengar and Subash Chandra Bose persuaded the Congress to adopt Complete Independence as the goal of the Congress. Mahatma Gandhi opposed it at first but two years later proposed it at Lahore Congress with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the chair Thus the Congress which started with Social Reform as the objective has now Purna Swaraj as complete independence severing British connection, as its immediate primary and last asset object.

One need not thought considers that decision of non-violence preached by Mahatma Gandhi has reduced the attainment of Swaraj as mere matter of establishment of truth and non violence These people point in the great success Subash Chandra Bose achieved in Burma in uniting all the communities and organising the Indian National Army Subash Chandra Bose was working in Burma on lines which were totally different from those prevailing in India. How far it could be adapted to the situation in India could not be predicted But the establishment of the Indian National Army has created a deep impression in the minds of many Congressmen. The coming weeks after the election will decide the future policy of the Congress.

The Commander-in-Chief would not have permitted the court martial passed by the Court Martial on the three I N A prisoners but for the public awakening created by the Indian National Congress The I.N.A. trial has its own lessons on the Indian public which could be said to be the achievement of the Congress of its 60th year

Yet another outstanding item of political interest during the week under review is the visit of the Parliamentary Delegation from England consisting chiefly of Labour backbenchers. Why the British Government have sent such a deputation is never the vast continent is a short period of two months is not known Perhaps it is held hunted while The absence of party leaders or front bench men in the delegation has created a feeling — society that the whole affair is a huge joke There is no that this delegation has become r to India just to make an impression upon Moscow and Washington when have been telling the British Government that the Indian issue should be settled Here for this is true man cannot by no Moscow or Washington cannot be so easily cheated by sending a delegation of back benchers, much less the Indian National Congress who are cooking all their happiness in the provincial elections Pending the conclusion of these general elections in provincial legislatures, the Congress may not divert its attention to any other experiment. The leaders might meet the members of the delegation and exchange ideas but the present delegation will not affect the Congress from its decisions.

Another event of importance is the communication of talks between Mr Jinnah and Mr Gandhi Mr Jinnah told in my earlier letter all these talks are prepared to the line of action to be followed after provincial elections.

There is a report current here that the Labour Government proposes to appoint an Indian Trade Unionist as the Governor of a Province as they have raised a British Trade Unionist as the Governor of Bengal. In this connection Mr N M Joshi a name well known in Labour leader of Bombay and ex member of the Servants of India Society is frequently mentioned.

SAPA-REUTER NEWS

Mr Jinnah Criticises Congress Party

Lahore Friday

Mr M. A. Jinnah president of the Moslem League, today alleged that there was a Glaney Khizr ministry in Punjab and undue interference by officials in the elections. Sir Barkat Ullah Glaney is Governor of the Punjab and Malik Khizr is Premier The latter with his Moslem party seceded from the Moslem League some time ago and is now fighting the election in the Punjab against the Moslem League. Mr Jinnah said that voters were being coerced and personated. He also criticised the Congress Party alleging that it wanted a one Hindu imperialistic dictatorship all over India.

Mahatma Gandhi Leaves For Madras

Calcutta Friday

Mahatma Gandhi tonight spent two and a quarter hours with the retiring Governor of Bengal Mr R G Casey their seventh meeting in the last six weeks. Mahatma Gandhi will leave for Madras tomorrow

Textile Strike At Nagpur

Nagpur Friday

Two persons were killed and 10 injured today when strikers clashed with non strikers in the mill area here. About 30 000 workers in the textile mills have been on strike since Wednesday for higher wages and better conditions. Five mills tried to keep going with volunteer work are but after the clashes they closed down Following the murder of a mill man in the mill workers area at Nagpur this evening a curfew has been imposed on the whole city between 9 p.m and 6 a.m The unusually of the at more persons and the holding of public meetings and processions have also been banned

Indian Banks And New Legislation

New Delhi Monday

New powers to supervise the affairs of banking companies were given in the Reserve Bank of India in an ordinance issued today The Reserve Bank received the power to inspect any banking company and if the government after reading a report of inspection considers that the affairs of a company are conducted to the detriment of depositor's interests it may install the company to receive fresh deposits refuse to include it in a scheduled bank or may exclude it from the existing schedule. These measures will often provisions designed to secure the sound working of banks are included in a banking companies bill which will be placed before the Central Legislature. Today's ordinance which brings the inspection provisions of the bill into force immediately will remain in force until the bill is passed The rapid expansion of banks in recent years in addition to have been accompanied by no desirable trends such as the tendency to secure control of non banking companies by organising chains of affiliated private institutions of shares between banks of other companies, granting large unsecured loans to persons connected with management in fluctuations expansion of branches and run on bank due to the detriment of depositors.

SUDHIRKUMAR—PATEL WEDDING

An impressive and orthodox ceremony was carried out on Monday January 14 at the City Hall in East London. The occasion was the wedding of Pandit Sudhirkumar and Rama the daughter of Mr and Mrs. D. B. Patel of East London. The City Hall was filled with guests, including many prominent citizens of East London as well as guests from all over the Union.

The Hall was decorated with Indian pictures bearing coloured flags, including the Indian Congress flag with its spinning wheel superimposed on orange white and green and a very large map of India above the stage. The stage was beautifully decorated with flowers, palms and ferns and a central miniature garden with brightly coloured pillars canopy and low wicket seats with covered divans, and a profusion of flowers. The wedding was conducted by Pandit Ravi Shankar from Lourenco Marques, and assistants.

At a given signal the guests stood in honour of the bride, who was preceded by four charming young flower girls, and was conducted to the garden by her mother. The bride was beautiful in a pale pink silken sari and bedizened with gold work being a mark of remarkable. She stood with folded hands and downcast eyes for the approach of the bridegroom.

Viewed from the hall, the bride stood on the left with the bridegroom on her left. After first salutations a garland of rose buds was given to shoulders. The Indian Anthem was then played by a special Indian band from Durban after which the guests sat down. The priests, bride and groom also sat down on the divans. As the chief priest intoned the long marriage service in ancient Sanskrit, the bride took up silken bowls in turn and handed them to the bridegroom who performed with her certain symbolical actions such as sprinkling his eyes ears, mouth forehead and wrists with water and ghee, such actions being a symbol of dedication of the bride and bridegroom to the service of God and humanity. A small Eastern lamp was then brought to the garden with on iron bowl on a stand in which a sacred fire made from Mandal wood and ghee (boiled butter) was lit. Again a symbolical ceremony was performed by the pouring of ghee on the fire and the circling of the fire by the bridegroom and bride accompanied by the chanting of the priests. Up to this time the bride never lifted her eyes. The climax soon when the Priest placed the end of a long cambric scarf to the bride's veil and then wound it round the shoulders of the bridegroom. This signified the marriage tie. The guests of the bride and groom entered the garden at this time. The priest then gave a homily to the bride and groom in the Gujerati language, and he then spoke in English and Gujerati of the married and responsible position of the wife and mother in the life of family. In passing it may interest European readers to learn that the wife bears a very heavy responsibility for the moral and physical welfare of her complete family and is, in fact, the central focus of the family.

With the ceremony completed the Indian orchestra played various Eastern airs, while the bride and bridegroom received the congratulations of their many friends who by the way, removed their shoes before entering the garden. There were many beautiful Eastern dresses at the richest silk and embroidery. At one stage a queue of men formed up to tender their wedding presents. A very sensible arrangement is that these gifts are in cash the principle being that the married couple shall purchase what they please. The party relaxed and made merry. During these proceedings Mr Patel the bride's father requested Mrs Gilbert to speak on behalf of the European guests. Mrs. Gilbert who was impressed, said that it was a great honour for the European guests to have been invited and that it was an impressive experience which they would never forget and from which they could learn much.

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Classes for non Europeans students to obtain the necessary tuition to enable them to obtain a degree in the faculty of Arts, of the University of South Africa are now open. The classes will be held at Natal College during week ends. The classes are open to matriculated students, but non matriculated students may attend if the responsible lecturers are satisfied that the student's standard of education is adequate. Students of over 25 years of age, of good education may obtain conditional or partial exemption from Matriculation on application. Students attending the courses of a degree receive from the University of South Africa the privilege of internal students at examinations. Students desirous of taking up the courses should see the Organizer at the Non-European Library 76 Commercial Road Durban without delay.

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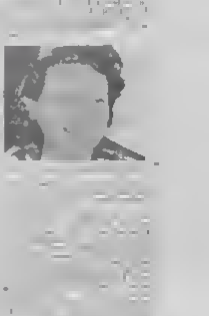
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TRANSVAAL INDIANS AND THE NEW BILL

The Secretary of the Transvaal Indian Congress told a Star correspondent that the Congress had sent a strong protest against the Government's new Indian Land Tenure Bill to the Viceroy of India, Lord Wavell.

The Government of India had also been asked the necessary steps to prevent the Bill becoming law without being first negotiated sacredly and honourably.

The Government on the other hand, Johannesburg Mr. Dadoo, Secretary of the Indian Congress, Mr. Parekh and Dadoo had also to press for representation of the Indian community immediately to the Government of India in protest against the Bill.

Cable To Viceroy

The cable to the Viceroy was as follows:—

"At the opening of Parliament His Excellency the Governor-General announced the Government's decision to introduce in place of the Pegging Act legislation dealing as a broad basis with Asiatic affairs. This announcement could be interpreted in the light of the pronouncements of Capetown Prime Minister General Smuts and reported by only of European Land Tenure Act, re-enacting in advance of the old Areas Reservation Bill of 1936, against the Indian community and the Indian people in the Union. In spite of the assurances given by General Smuts to the Indian delegation that no action would be taken against the Indian community in general without consultation with the Indian community, we are greatly alarmed and deeply grieved that the new legislation should be introduced without any consultation with the Indian community in general and the Natal Indian Congress in particular. We appeal to you to exert all your direct and indirect pressure for the acceptance of a Round Table Conference.

Cables had also been sent to the British Premier, the Secretary of State for India and the Indian delegation to the United Nations Assembly, Mr. Khaleeq Gandhi and other leaders of India.

To British Prime Minister

The cable sent to the British Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for India, and several members of Parliament sent in the British Premier was as follows:

General Smuts's statement in Parliament announcing Government's intention of introducing a Bill this session dealing with land tenure, constituting proof positive of the pernicious and unjust policy of the Government of South Africa against the Indian people in South Africa, and the Union Government's intention to enact legislation in pursuance of this policy, we, the Natal Indian Congress, the premier political organisation of the Indian people in South Africa, view with grave concern and alarm the introduction of this Bill, which is designed to deprive Indians of their property rights in land, and to restrict their occupation and trade in certain areas, and which will have the effect of creating ghettoes and causing economic stagnation and social degradation. This is the latest in a series of measures introduced by the Union Government against the Indian people, which have been condemned by the Government of India as being contrary to the principles of the United Nations Charter and ill-conceived in the relations between India and South Africa with unpredictable consequences. The Indian community expect you to take immediate steps to bring pressure upon the Union Government to withdraw the Bill, and to support the Government of India in her efforts to get the matter referred to the United Nations Assembly. We also request you to support the Government of India in her efforts to get the matter referred to the United Nations Assembly. We also request you to support the Government of India in her efforts to get the matter referred to the United Nations Assembly.

To Mahatma Gandhi

Following is the text of the cable sent to Mahatma Gandhi and other Indian leaders:

General Smuts's statement in Parliament announcing Government's intention of introducing a Bill fraught with grave danger to the rights of Indian people. Indians greatly alarmed and dread future as the Bill will paralyse them economically, segregate them socially and humiliate India. Future darkest if no effective steps are taken to counteract this unjust move ultimately degrading Indians to Empire helotry. This unjust and retrograde Government and Indian people in grave need, wide protest and act. We strongly oppose the Ghetto Bill and ask for a Round Table Conference. We are almost at critical hour. Request fully urge bring pressure upon Indian and British Governments to take up a bold stand to save South African Indians from humiliation and degradation and protect Indians overseas.

MARITZBURG'S PROTEST AGAINST BILL

DECLARATIONS that the proposed Asiatic Bill aimed at the death knell of the Indian community in South Africa and calls for national unity to fight it were made by speakers at a meeting held in Maritzburg. The meeting was organised by the Maritzburg branch of the Natal Indian Congress. All the speakers stressed that there should be no compromise in the matter. A resolution which was submitted to the Prime Minister General Smuts, last November.

Advocate I M Bawa in his closed that move for a united front are now at last between the Natal Indian Congress and the Ghetto Bill out of the active field. It is hoped to consult Mr A. S. Kajee and the Natal Indian Congress before the coming of the South African Indian Congress, Advocate Bawa said. Mr. Kajee was the president of the Natal Indian Congress in Durban before the anti-segregation move until forced and the split occurred. Mr. Kajee resigned.

The whole position, Advocate Bawa continued, would be left in the hands of the South African Congress due to meet in Capetown in February.

But we are all united on the point that the Prime Minister must be approached to institute a round table conference between the Government of India and South Africa. We are sending a deputation to India to press for this conference and halt the Bill. For last, if the Prime Minister refuses will be to send deputations to India and other parts of the world in appeal for intervention.

Dr Y M Dadoo, president of the Transvaal Indian Congress, called for a total rejection of the Bill and said that the possible weapon left was the weapon of struggle. It is in this connection, he continued that we must prepare ourselves for a struggle in some active form against the Government of this country.

Dr Dadoo also made a plea for the unity of all non-European races in one big political struggle and said that this lack of unity was a reason why Gen eral Smuts could bring forward this anti Indian legislature.

Mr R K Naidoo maintained that South Africa should be taken away from the hands of the South African Government and placed under the trusteeship of the United Nations. Many speakers accused the Government of hypocrisy and Fascist tendencies and suggested that the Indians should emulate the Indonesians.

The following resolution was moved from the chair and passed unanimously:

"Realising the gravity of the crisis to which the Indian community of South Africa finds itself in by this latest meeting of Indians of Maritzburg resolves to associate itself with the Natal Indian Congress in opposing by all possible means the proposed Asiatic Bill and similar measures affecting the Indian community of South Africa and calls upon the Union Government in succession immediately a conference between the Government of India and the Union Government to consider the whole case of the Indian community of South Africa."

Bill Studied In New Delhi

The Government of India's Commonwealth Relations Department is examining the situation created by the Bill introduced in the Union House of Assembly freezing transactions involving the acquisition of land property by Indians. The Government of India has taken the opportunity to consult Mr R K Mukherjee, High Commissioner in India in the Union, who has been in New Delhi during the past week. Mr Deshmukh left for South Africa on Saturday. It is assumed in political quarters in New Delhi that the Indian Government will take adequate steps to convey its views to the Union.

Sir Maharaj Singh, a former Indian Agent-General in South Africa, has written to Dr N B Khare, the Government of India Overseas Member, saying that the objection of the Transvaal Indian Congress is fully justified. He proposes to discuss the question with the British Parliamentary Delegation when he will be meeting in February

PRESS COMMENTS

INDIAN RIGHTS

THE assurance given in the Speech from the Throne at the opening of Parliament last Friday that the legislation to be introduced this Session is to take the place of the Pegging Act would deal with Asiatic affairs "on a broad basis in so far as mentioned writes the *Forum* in its issue of January 26 *By* implication, it means that the Government will not stipulate to the clamour from certain quarters in favour of repression legislation on far as the Indian community is concerned.

At a time when race intolerance is as rife as it is today, that in itself must be counted a gain. South Africans cannot remind themselves too often that we are here concerned with a problem which is not wholly a domestic one, affecting only a quarter of a million residents of the Union We are also dealing with a section of low outlook people who are mutually and acutely sensitive about one attitude to and treatment of their fellow countrymen and who resent deeply the attempts made in certain quarters to suppress the South African Indians economically and politically as well on many ways.

It is as well to remember, too, that there can be no lasting solution of the Indian problem in the Union until the question of political rights is faced honestly and courageously Unless the Indian people are given some measure of representation in the councils of state, their legitimate aspirations will not be satisfied and they will, with justice, continue to charge that their lives are being regulated arbitrarily and without any that measure of consultation accorded to other non-franchised groups It is to be hoped therefore that the Government will tackle the whole Asiatic question on a imaginary basis, and that the legislation it has in mind will be in keeping with the spirit of the agreement with the Government of India in 1927 (A position from which we have unfortunately receded considerably in the intervening period).

That agreement, it will be recalled admitted the right which the Government of India has in South Africa to Indian peoples but it also showed how the removal of that status can be secured to the satisfaction of everybody concerned.

CLOUDS OF DISASTER

We take the following from the *Forum*

THE Indian community felt that clouds of disaster were blowing up over their horizon, Parliament was due to discuss new legislation to replace the Pegging Act which would lapse in March and they knew one vinced a "ghetto" system would be imposed upon them as a result

In the House of Assembly General Smuts announced the Government's intention to control land tenure in Natal and to prohibit land property transactions between Europeans and Asiatics throughout the province except for certain exempted areas to be listed later. This would also be restrictions on the occupation by Indians of land and premises outside the exempted areas.

Indians formed the worst Hitlerite, they complained—the restrictions, as imposed by the Pegging Act, had applied only to Durban

The Nationalists, meanwhile, urged the Government not to grant the Indians any franchise rights whatsoever.

Communal franchise meant that Indian voters, placed on a separate roll from European voters, would be entitled to elect a white spokesman to represent them in Parliament. This was the system whereby natives in the Cape Province, who could satisfy certain economic and educational qualifications, were represented in Parliament.

The Indians preferred the franchise on a common roll with Europeans.

The more conservative section were willing to accept a "limited franchise," with voters having to satisfy certain economic and educational qualifications. The more radical section demanded complete adult suffrage.

All however, agreed with Dr Y M Dadoo, one of the leading radicals and President of the Transvaal Indian Congress, that the proposed legislation, as they viewed it, would "breed the death knell of the community

Meanwhile the Indians were preparing a plan of campaign, which would include Protest meetings throughout the country including a conference of the S A Indian Congress in Cape Town in February Press publicity for their case Sending a deputation to India to bring to the notice of that country the disabilities suffered by South African Indians.

VOTES FOR INDIANS?

Cape Times writes under this heading on Friday, January 25 THE question of Indian opinion in South Africa to the Government's projected Asiatic legislation as it was broadly outlined in the Prime Minister's statement on Monday, is very much what was expected. The inaction in India to the proposals, so far as they may yet be called proposals, has not yet been conceded, if there has been one But there is no reason to believe that the reaction to the decision to extend to the whole of Natal the principles of the 'Pegging Act' will be any less sharp than it was to the Residential Regulation Ordinance particularly as the projected measure will go even further than that ordinance, which was declared to be a violation of the Pretoria Agreement.

It is inevitable that an equally strong reaction will have to be expected from overseas, and this may be particularly embarrassing at a time when views are being expressed in the United Nations Organisation strongly emphasising the duties of trusteeship towards politically backward peoples. It would be embarrassing if the Union's treatment of a large and by no means backward non-European minority were to be cited in evidence against her. It is essential, therefore, that overseas opinion, to which we in this country cannot remain insensitive, must be reassured of the good intentions of the Union towards her Indian nationals. The most reassured indeed the only, way that can be done is by the grant of the franchise. That is the basis of democratic citizenship. Yet it is astonishing that while the Union's native peoples possess the right of representation and of participating in the conduct of their own affairs, though it may as yet be still only in a primitive form, the Indian community politically as I culturally is infinitely more advanced do not possess even that primitive form. They have no representation at any kind

Serious disunion sometimes demand serious remedies. It may be essential for the Union to take an apparently retrograde step now in order to ensure that when all the assimilated and the Union engendered by present racial passions have run their behind, Indians shall eventually be fitted into the fabric of our national life. But it cannot be gainsaid that without a small immensely progressive step now that would create the foundation for such a larger object it must the Union would be over all the measure we would in us The latter will undoubtedly be should take in not peculiar unity and, must It will have to be tested on the merits of the facts it is probable it is a communal franchise as was suggested by the Minister of the Interior exists then a year ago would be more likely to find general acceptance on a step towards ultimate full and equal enfranchisement. But whatever form it takes it must be the grant of citizenship once no longer is justice be withheld from South African Indian nationals.

'Transvaler' Favours Segregation

"The Indians must understand that the Whites are not going to permit the cities and towns of the Union a provision in law their Western character and take on an Eastern colour.

"The struggle is for segregation in all aspects of life and the Whites are not prepared to have Indians to their neighbours.

"If the Indians continue to insist on the repealing of legislation which furthers segregation they will make themselves all the more unwelcome.

"Thus the Whites will be forced to solve the Indian question in a way which will eliminate this threat to White civilisation for good and all."—*The Transvaler*

SUGGESTED SOLUTION OF INDIAN PROBLEM

The co-operation of all political parties in South Africa and the settlement of the Indian problem on non-Party lines are called for in a circular letter addressed by the Durban Joint Wards Committee to all members of Parliament.

The letter points out that the problem is national and not provincial, and that any legislation which would be fully approved by Parliament and endorsed by public opinion

Indian propagandists, says the letter have endeavoured to make the question an international one. By misrepresentation they have tried to submit South Africa to imperfectly informed nations. The true solution, it claims, would not accept while living conditions for Indians in areas where they will in

future only reside in accordance in all cases where they will apply proper amenities and where they may develop along their own racial lines.

The Indian right, it continues, demand full rights in many directions and in addition ask for a round table conference with the Government of India but workable and satisfactory relations with South Africa can be maintained only by a clear understanding of the 11 million between the races.

Appeasement, the letter continues, by extending to the persons with non-South African, however allied, cannot be tolerated. South Africa must be content with her own domin

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE

EDUCATION

To The Editor, Indian Opinion

SIR,—It is with deep gratification that I read of the result of the recent examinations at the University of the Witwatersrand and Cape Town, for the first time we find that such a large number of Indian students have qualified as Medical Practitioners. Three students have qualified at Cape Town and two at the Wits. I was especially pleased to note that one of these students was Miss Khadija Naguleo non-European girl to qualify as a Doctor in this country. I hope many more Indian girls will qualify as professionals not only in medicine but also in other professions.

Indians have numerous obstacles placed in their way most of which are directly due to the policy of the South African Government in Natal where the majority of the Indian people live pecuniary education is still a matter I am not compulsory and the number of schools provided are not sufficient to cater for half of the school going age children.

High school education is practically closed to non-Europeans. Only a few Universities in the country take in non-Europeans. These obstacles are only to over-come by a determined stand in the political field.

The Indian people are not entirely free from blame, we must admit that we have in the past not paid sufficient attention to the education of our children especially our girls. Some of us still have narrow views and prejudices, which prevent us from sending our girls to High schools and Universities.

Those prejudices are of course without foundation and day by day we can prove that. The part played by women in present day society has amply been demonstrated during the struggles of the war years. Indian Tailey Chinn and many eastern countries have realised that the progress and advancement of the whole community will remain paralysed. Women South Africa can and must learn this lesson the sooner the better. Our community has not yet awakened to the call of the times. We must awake from our slumber and march forward with the rest of the world.

At the U.C.T. in Durban there are a number of Indian girls doing their B.A. which will make them better equipped for the teaching profession. At the Wits an Indian girl as not removed her M.C.

In conclusion I hope and wish that this Bachelor that is and Indian Doctor will address the same success in her profession as she has achieved in her University career and that she will be a shining light to other children.—E. Manilal.

[There are other Indian and non-European girls who have qualified in various branches of learning in the Universities of South Africa.—Ed.]

SOCIALISM AND GANDHISM

By PROF. AVATH GOPAL SEN in The Modern Review

It is not all possible to classify accurately two different groups according to their political programmes and I think it desirable not to attempt to classify others in the Congress camp. It would be highly misleading and have positively harmful effects on the minds of Indian Share holders created right to about Various because in so doing we would only be strengthening the diverse charmists and mischief activities of the human race. But it does contain when a man starts out society and I meet half hearted in the name and women with a reasonable standard of clothes and medical and along with the fullest scope for development in the direction that their God-given talents lie, out of the two classes of people which comprised the entire human race, the only antagonism to be aroused by co-operation with the Congress party or property and wealth. Those who have the interests of humanity and man I do not see why society would be a matter of much concern. But it is I want to explain and I am not making the foregoing claim by way of apology for my political views. I am neither a careless society nor desire any new situation for the sake of change. The political conflict in India has no dealing at all with the class war now militating in the world. I am a friend of all the workers in the world but I have taken my stand on the side of the poor and the down-trodden and the weak and the helpless men by and state like Russia and were standing and waging the same battle we both can could regard a out view. In the end only it was whittled and wherein we could reconcile ourselves and I have no doubt that many times my colleagues in the Congress have taken up a position which was not to their liking but which they felt they could not oppose in the interests of the country as a whole. Whether I am right or wrong in my estimate of the situation is another matter. I am only trying to explain my own position and that of my colleagues in the Congress.

Now as regards the Congress Socialist Party, I am not aware that it has any quarrel with the Communist Party. Both are working for the same goal, though they may differ as to the methods to be employed. And I myself am a friend of all those who believe in the ultimate triumph of Socialism in India. I am not a Communist myself, but I have no quarrel with Communists. I am not a Socialist myself, but I have no quarrel with Socialists. I am not a Congressman myself, but I have no quarrel with Congressmen. I am not a Gandhist myself, but I have no quarrel with Gandhists. I am not a Nehruite myself, but I have no quarrel with Nehruites. I am not a Subhas Bose myself, but I have no quarrel with Subhas Bose. I am not a Jinnah myself, but I have no quarrel with Jinnah. I am not a Muslim myself, but I have no quarrel with Muslims. I am not a Hindu myself, but I have no quarrel with Hindus. I am not a Christian myself, but I have no quarrel with Christians. I am not a Buddhist myself, but I have no quarrel with Buddhists. I am not a Jain myself, but I have no quarrel with Jains. I am not a Sikh myself, but I have no quarrel with Sikhs. I am not a Parsi myself, but I have no quarrel with Parsis. I am not a Jew myself, but I have no quarrel with Jews. I am not a Christian myself, but I have no quarrel with Christians

BOMBAY RIOTS

PROCESSION PROHIBITED

Bombay Tuesday

The Police Commissioner of Bombay today issued an order prohibiting processions, meetings and the carrying of weapons in Bombay tomorrow (Wednesday) the last day which observance of the birthday anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose (former head of the Japanese sponsored Indian National Government) had been advertised

Persons Killed And Injured

Bombay Wednesday

Ten persons are reported to have been killed more than 70 examined bodies wounds and 350 others suffered either taken injuries or the effects of tear gas during demonstrations in Bombay today The demonstrations took place during observances of the birthday anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose An official statement however says that only three persons were killed.

Clashes took place when small processions tried to raise the banned area of the city and the police were forced to open fire three times on the crowds. At the height of the disturbances the streets in the affected area resembled a battlefield as the crowds and the police milled to and fro with people hurling stones and the police using tear gas shells and occasionally revolver shots. The clashes continued till after dark Shops were burned by mobs and the local office of the Indian Seamen's party was raided Several fires were also reported and looting and pocket-picking was rife. A curfew was established at 10 p.m. (local time) the situation was under control with strong forces of police United into the disturbed area, but at midnight the police were forced to open fire again after a new outbreak. Eighteen people were arrested

Demands for an independent and impartial enquiry into the disturbances were made by the President and Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee who after visiting the various hospitals said "what we have seen with our own eyes in the hospitals and in the streets has simply taken our breath away" They advised the people of Bombay to observe peace and called for a twenty-four hours hartal (suspension of business) tomorrow (Thursday) as a protest. The Indian Nation adds that cross bolted Subhas Chandra Bose's birthday can be lamented occasion There was reported by the Japanese to have been killed in an air crash at the time of the Japanese surrender but the newspapers did not refer to him as dead apparently hoping their attitude in regards that he was still alive and to bidding

Tear Gas

Bombay Wednesday.

Police used tear gas and lathis (bamboo staves) to disperse a procession in Bombay today a celebration of the birthday of Subhas Chandra Bose former head of the Japan-sponsored "Indian National Government." About 30 persons were treated in hospital for the effects of tear gas and 17 were injured in the lathi charges.

Bombay Hartal

Bombay, Thursday

Trouble broke out again in Bombay today when a crowd in the Girgaum area revolted a Hindu locality and set fire to a transport and looted shops which stayed open in spite of the call for a hartal (voluntary closing) as a protest against yesterday's incidents. The police had to open fire on them into dispersing The also made a baton charge The death roll in yesterday's day long clashes between the police and demonstrators rose to 13 today when three more deaths in Bombay hospitals were officially reported.

The latest official figures of the casualties in yesterday's disturbances are—Demonstrating 104 detained in hospital for lathi wounds and 315 treated for injuries caused by lathi charges or from throwing or tear gas Police—forty injured including three officers.

Many shops were closely shuttered today observing the hartal (voluntary closing) as a protest against police action in yesterday's riots The city was quiet

An official casualty figures are not yet known Estimates range from two killed and nearly 100 injured to 30 killed and more than 40 injured

Police Open Fire

Bombay Friday

The police opened fire twice in northern Bombay at noon today They also used tear gas Two hours earlier the disturbed areas were reported all quiet except for one small stone throwing incident Groups of sailors and municipal workers have been kept from their work hours clearing up debris and removing road blocks Fifty-more deaths were reported today of people admitted to hospital with bullet wounds. This brings the total number of deaths since the disturbances began to 78. Mr. K. Patil, general secretary of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee in an appeal to the public said peace and discipline ought is be our slogan and we must set up to that slogan courageously Mr Patil denied rumours that Congress was asking for a hartal he said only people must not crowd in the streets even for curiosity Crowds of idle spectators are a great temptation to mischief-makers to do their mischievous job Bombay newspapers today reflect the gravity of the disturbances of the past two days. The *Times of India* had a front page headline Mahomedan calm in Bombay—An orgy of arson and looting The *Morning Standard* headlined its report City Made Go Wild

The Commissioner of Police in Bombay today declared a curfew in the city area between 9 o'clock at night and 6 o'clock in the morning

Today's troubles started at about 11 50 a.m when crowds broke into a number of shops mostly in European business and residential quarter than yesterday's disturbances. Three grain shops were looted The crowds also tried to build road blocks After the police had opened fire the crowd melted away rapidly but the situation continued to be tense with traffic held up. The crowd stoned the car in which Sir Charles Bate, adviser to the Governor of Bombay was touring the disturbed localities with Asia Gensly Commissioner of Police

Cinema Stoned By Crowd

Bombay Saturday

In the fourth day of the disturbances in the city today crowd is stoned a cinema in the Girgaum area here during celebration of the Independence Day the anniversary of the Congress Party a declaration of 1919 that commits Independence for India—not Dominion status—was their goal It was the only local report reported on Indian today The city police commissioner has approved of the route where Congress headquarters had reported that a procession would pass. That will also be a public meeting at Chaupati ends on the sea front here tonight and both the police and "peace patrols will be very vigilant

Government Defeated

New Delhi Wednesday

The Indian Central Assembly today passed without division a Congress party motion on adjournment censuring the Government of India for not releasing political detainees.

Mr. Rameswami Mudaliar Cannot Complain

London Wednesday

The decision of the executive committee of the Natal Indian Congress in appeal to the United Nations Assembly against the Bill freezing property acquired by Indians from other races in South Africa has not yet been communicated to the Indian Delegation The leader of the Indian Delegation Mr Rameswami Mudaliar told Reuter correspondent today that the matter had not been brought to his attention and he was therefore not in a position to comment on the Indian reaction from South Africa.

Position In Batavia

Batavia, Wednesday

Preparatory talks between the Dutch and British authorities in Batavia are now going on The British Adjutant-General Sir Ronald Adam, visited Batavia on Monday and saw the British Commander-in-Chief in the Dutch East Indies General Christison in the presence of the United states Consul General Mr Walter Foote. Mr Foote recently had unofficial discussions with the Indonesian Prime Minister Dr Sherir Dutch sources say that these discussions must be regarded as preparations for the important talks due to begin as soon as Dr van Mook Lieutenant Governor of the Dutch East Indies, and Mr. Archibald Clark-Kerr, British Ambassador in Moscow, arrive in Batavia.

Mahatma's Statement

Madras, Thursday,

"I do not think I have wasted my time, but that is not to say that I depend upon anybody to give us Swaraj (Independence)," said Mahatma Gandhi in a statement at a workers conference here today on his talks with the British Parliamentary Goodwill Delegation now visiting India. Swaraj will have to come through our own strength he said Mahatma Gandhi added We want the British rulers to quit India in a friendly spirit. If they do that it will augur well for them for India and for the world There should be no enmity towards the British"

Pataudi Captains Indian Cricket Team

Madras, Saturday

The India Cricket Board of Control tonight selected the Nawab of Pataudi to captain the Indian Cricket team touring England this summer Pataudi who toured Australia with the English side at 19 12 cricket Of in his first test at Sydney has Indian summer played for India against England He was sent him at Oxford for hockey and billiard and holds the University high scoring record against Cambridge with 238 not out.

Lord Wavell On New Executive Council

New Delhi Monday

The Viceroy Lord Wavell—in one of the briefest Viceregal

pol dramas ever made in the Indian Central Assembly said that the British Government have the determination to establish a new Executive Council formed of political leaders and to bring about a constitution-making body or convention as soon as possible. Lord Wavell, who professed his oldfriendship with the remark that he was not making a novel or striking political announcement, added "I cannot enter into any details at the moment of the methods whereby these bodies will be formed and how the difficulties, at which we are fully conscious will be surmounted, nor do I think it wise to try to set a date or dates for steps to India's freedom. I can only assure you they have a priority level both in Delhi and in Whitehall. I ask you for your co-operation and goodwill in our great task. Referring in the business before the House Lord Wavell said, it may be you will think it right cause of you to vote against the Government on almost every issue and inflict a maximum number of defeats. If you believe this is your political duty I have nothing to say. I may think it to be a short-sighted policy to prevent or delay legislation that is likely to be of real benefit to India, but that is for you to decide.

Mr Jinnah's Sentence

Commenting on the Viceroy's speech the president of the Moslem League, Mr. M. A. Jinnah said that the League would not agree to the setting up of a central government even as an interim measure at this stage if it relegate the main issue—Pakistan—to the background. The League would not agree to the setting up of one constitution making body or convention for British India. This would be futile on the preliminary and permanent steps to such as reasonably would be the division of India into Pakistan and Hindustan

Fatal Stabbings In Bombay

Bombay Monday

Four people were stabbed to death in various parts of Bombay during the weekend. The murders were not connected with the recent political disturbances.

Finally he wants to know the extent and the value of immovable property which passed into the hands of Indians in each province from January 1 1943, to January 30 1946

Corporation v Sinaya

Sinaya has at last upset the effects of the Durban City Council to override the Orient Islamic Educational Institute with a school site alongside to the Mosque stated the Institute had bought on the Flat for the purpose of establishing Indian day and board top schools.

Durban City Council Discusses Finance Matters

A recommendation by the General Purposes Committee to send the Mayor the Deputy Mayor and all the members of the General Committee, together with the Town Clerk and other officials, on a deputation to discuss with the Prime Minister the proposed Bill to replace the Pegging Act, was not approved by the Finance Committee from a financial point of view

This was reported to the City Council yesterday afternoon After considerable discussion the Council resolved to refer it back to the General Purposes Committee The cost of sending the deputation had been calculated at £500 to airing an account vote of £ 100

Mr Harris expressed astonishment at the fact that the Government were at last taking a firm stand. It was not true that the Council wanted preferential treatment for Europeans, but a section of the community desired a measure of control in regard to their social familial and business ones, he said.

The Natal Municipal Association had put forward a programme in which the Indian community would be well looked after by opening up of new areas, where they could expand and develop without interference

Farmers To Be Licensed

The Minister of Agriculture Mr J G N Strauss, said in the House of Assembly that a proposal for the licensing of farmers had been proposed by the South African Agricultural Union.

That body wished first to consult all its affiliations before submitting a request to the Government

First And Second Class Fares To Be Reduced

First and second class railway fares to the Union are likely to be reduced within the next few months. The 15 per cent Government tax on all first class fares costing more than 10s which came into force on April 15, 1943, will be withdrawn, subsequent to the levying of the 15 per cent. tax a 10 per cent surcharge was imposed in 1944 by the Minister of Railways and Harbours Mr F G Sturrock, on all fares and transport rates.

T I C Opposes Indian Township

At an executive meeting of the Transvaal Indian Congress in Johannesburg a resolution was passed opposing the establishment of Mooiruivilte as an Indian Township. The Congress also declared itself opposed to any form of private enterprise for Indian townships anywhere.

Property Acquisitions By Indians

During the month of December 16 Durban properties were transferred from Europeans to Indians, the total purchase price being £10 047 according to a report by the City Valuator and Estates Manager There were three properties transferred from Indians to Europeans at a total price of £15,400

Arming The Police

Mr R C Lawrence the Minister of Justice said in the House of Assembly that in order to abolish arms provision had been made in the armies of the police and recruits would also be armed There had been a 15 per cent increase in crime in 20 years. The European strength of the force would be increased by over 1000 men in the year and 4848 Native would also be recruited.

Roof Cinema Incident

A 33 years-old Malay wife Arisee Abdullah Bardien, was shot in the leg when a crowd of Indians, Coloureds and natives tried to break into the Avalon Theatre at the corner of Marshall and Wolfaardt Street, Johannesburg on Saturday night Four Asiatics who afterwards tried to flee the gunmen were attacked. A non European was arrested and taken to Marshall Square to explain. He was released when witnesses testified after the shot had been fired. To avoid a panic the management admitted the whole crowd and there were no further disturbances

Indian Party's Request To French

Chandernagore, City of Bengal vessel," the little French pocket on the Hooghly 22 miles north of Calcutta, in the latest regret for the Indian Congress Party They have asked French per mission to establish a branch there. M Basin the French Administrator is cautiously considering the request while he discusses the problem with the British. Chandernagore, also known as City Of The Moon houses it seems on a crescent shaped stretch of the Hooghly is a sprawling, dilapidated place

South African News In Brief

Government's Attitude To Durban Laundry Dispute

The Government will not appoint an arbitrator in the Durban laundry dispute unless they receive an official request from both the employers and the employees organisations This was announced by Dr Colin Steyn Union Minister of Labour, after he discussed the matter with Mr W J de Villa, general secretary of the South African Trades and Labour Council.

Dr Malan

Dr Malan while supporting the no-confidence motion in the Union House of Assembly said the Government were to be congratulated on the steps announced for the control of Indian land ownership and occupation in Natal. Those steps had been forced on the Government. If land ownership and occupation by Indians was wrong in Natal why was it not wrong in the Peninsula and elsewhere in the Union? Is Natal the Indian's God not have a vote, whereas in the Cape the non-Europeans had the vote.

Delegates For Congress From Kajee-Pather Group

Representatives of the Kajee-Pather group of the Natal Indian Congress will attend the meeting of the South African Indian Congress in Cape Town next month but will have no vote. They have been invited by the president of the South African Indian Congress to attend as fraternal delegates.

Mr F R Pather told The Daily News that the present left wing executive committee of the Natal Congress had turned down proposals that, for the sake of unity, 10 of the 20 Palestine representative Natal to Cape Town should be elected from the members of the Kajee Pather group

"Between 30 and 40 of us will be attending the conference," said Mr Pather "We will take an active part in the proceedings, even though will not be allowed to vote. We feel it our duty to take this step on that we see grave at united front to Council Bo-ata's proposals for Indian land tenure in Natal.

Mr Nel And Indians

Notice of two questions in the Minister of the Interior on numbers affecting Indians has been given by Mr Nel (Mat, Wonderboom) His first question asks for details of the estimated Indian populations in each province, and how many Indians entered and left the Union during the past year His other question seeks to elicit the number of trading licenses that have been granted the number of commercial businesses being conducted and the value of immovable property owned by Indians in each of the provinces.

with a population [illegible] was settled by the Huguenots in 1673, taken by the British in 1657 restored to France in 1763 retaken in 1794, and finally handed back to the French in 1816

Dire Famine Faces India

Further serious deterioration of the rice millet crops in Southern India is reported and in the absence of more important grain from overseas in this is threatened with famine more extensive than the Bengal famine of 1943, says the Times correspondent in Delhi. He points out that the central government prepared the rice millet budget in October but by the third week in December the crop forecasts for Madras Bombay and Mysore had to be written down by more than 150 000 tons owing to cyclone and drought The latest figures show subtitional losses of more than 1 000 000 tons. It is estimated that it will be necessary to import at least 2 000 000 tons of food and grains this year to avert the worst consequences of famine.

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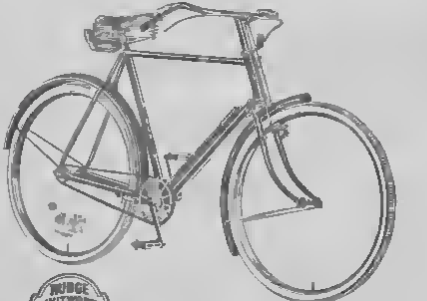
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By L. W. RITCH

[illegible] source for I recall would without doubt be the logical attitude to adopt. And indeed such is genuinely the philosophy by which many of us actually do live our lives as reflected in the outlook of the Gwagita: " of the ambitious careerist, of the artists and clever exploiter of this ignorance and weaknesses of others, of the apostles of the "first I must" doctrine. And just as the multiplication of wants and of the wherewithal to satisfy them is regarded as the hall mark of civilization so success has come to be synonymous with self-aggrandisement and the "consuming of rivals and competitors. Our notions of progress would at best seem to be progress in securing and enjoying "the good things of life plenty, and increasing opportunity for its enjoyment.

Now unless the religious declarations men [illegible] reserved from time to time for its enlightenment and its furnish a "charm" or rule of conduct for the advancement of man's evolutionary progress are on bottomless fraudulent impositions or at best luminous superstitions, unless the most lofty of spiritual [illegible] are bequeathed to us under the name of "The Vidya" is just as much moonshine, unless the recorded experiences of saints and mystics are to be dismissed as delusions and mere figments of the imagination the self consciousness that wells up in each of us as "I am" arises from the presence in man of a spiritual principle that in the inner mind Self or, as it is more commonly called "soul" and which as much transcends the limited personality—[illegible] of body as the light of the sun exceeds candle light.

This "I" of the personality that identifies itself with the life of the body senses and mind and so creates the illusion of separateness from its parent Self and source, has been likened to a ray of sunlight cast on to the wall of a dark room. In the darkness of his ignorance the man fails to discern the wall and the reflection cast on what they actually are and so deludes himself into complete of teasing the reflected point of light to its source. Like the story in Alcott's Pilgrim shadow is mistaken for substance, appearance for realities, the real self for the Self. He ascribes the light reflected on to the wall from the soul of him as originating in the wall. His powers of will, thinking and feeling are similarly regarded as products of the "wall instead [illegible] itself. He is then strangely [illegible] meanings blind to his own light.

If then, as the religious and the philosophers tells us "the self of him, [illegible] being functioning in our [illegible] senses, and man [illegible] pilgrimage towards the goal of complete self-realisation [illegible] is taught this earth of ours is but the starting point of his evolutionary progression towards that goal, it would seem to follow that development of the spiritual or divine powers evolved and latent within him must be his line of true progress, and that Longfellow was right when he declared that

> "Not enjoyment and not sorrow is our destined end and way
> But to work that each tomorrow
> Find us further than to-day

Man is blind to his own light, the soul light [illegible] is unreal, not real. Self, because he has loosed his back upon it. No real progress is possible unless he "about face." The teaching of the wise regarding the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of [illegible] spiritual necessity [illegible] ing as a [illegible] relationship [illegible] us as [illegible] shakable [illegible] emerge the possibility of a brotherhood of Mankind.

Progress in that direction and in that end is the only progress that can truly be so styled and [illegible] talked upon will necessitate a very real change.

Inattitude. Things spiritual and material must be seen to them [illegible] per relationship and a true sense of proportion a more correct [illegible] values will have arrived at. The horizon of man's possibilities and the powers that may be his for the developing must be extended unconquerably further than mind can presently envisage.

Environmental conditions can, of course, be improved and made more favourable to progress, even if has been remarked upon, but these conditions must be subordinated to the higher purpose, the real purpose of man's existence. That perhaps, has never been [illegible] expressed than in Gitanjali's lines,

> "More at the roaring loom of Time ply,
> And weave for God the Garment that thou art bidden by

AUSTRALIAN'S CRITICISM OF S.A.

"A HUMBLE of Indians [illegible] miraculously surviving in to the atomic age and "a soil well prepare for Fascism" is how an Australian journalist Mr Duncan Thompson of Council, called from [illegible] South Africa in two articles in a Sydney daily news paper Mr Thompson has just returned to Australia after a period and way to South Africa.

Germans [illegible] over can exists in the newspaper say "South Africa has the world's worst colour bar and it lives on fear."

Mr Thompson says that the colour bar is in evidence every where—in social life, trades unions and "even in churches.

"Life, inside the bubble is glamour—for the right people be writes. The right people are persons with White Africans and British. The wrong people are the poor Whites Coloureds, Natives and Indians. For them life is not nearly so good.

"Two million politically divided Whites riding on the backs of 2,500,000 slaves is an equation which breeds fear.

Mr Thompson tells of people he talked with who seemed to like to be afraid.

"Afraid, says Thompson at the inevitable day when the Coloureds will come into their own."

The South African Journals, he says are to be keep Natives and Coloureds in their places by keeping them aware of their inferiority and that everywhere in the [illegible]

Unless you meet brutal and no Democratic reminders of this in the Annis of Bilingual modern-Europeanity—Steve vii Blankton."

"On the benches sharks alone seem to be completely without prejudice," he continues.

"Discrimination against colour is so flagrant that one is amazed at the good temper of the Natives."

Mr Thompson does however give the rejoinder of a Capetown journalist in whom he made these complaints.

You Australians resided your Native problem by killing them off," said this journalist.

Compared with Australia's White population of 7,000,000, there are more than 50,000 full blooded aborigines and about 370,000 of mixed blood. At the time of White settlement in 1788 their were probably about 150,000 aborigines.

Mr Thompson says he found Germans busily making some headway among Colored and extremely ardent Nazis. "Even ewe lady of joining the National Union Whites will have them."

Among other this Mr Thompson tells Australian women about the South African women's "absurd cause of servants with pale a hair caillon. "Most beautiful African girls are plump, most women lamentably fat.

"They class as Dutch phrase to this, but doctors attribute it to too much food and too little exercise."

INDIAN ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON S.A. LAND TENURE BILL

New Delhi Monday

THE Central Assembly will this evening debate a motion raised on the adjournment by Mr Govind Deshpand urging the inhumane attitude of the Indian Government and its failure to protect the vital interests and peaceful existence of Indians in South Africa, which are threatened by the introduction of a Bill to freeze property deals between Indians and other races in South Africa, as announced by General Smuts on January 22.

Economic Sanctions Urged Against South Africa

Economic sanctions by India against South Africa were urged by Seth Govind Das, when he moved the Congress Party's adjournment motion in the Indian Legislative Assembly, on the South African Government's proposed legislation meant to control future property deals between Indian and other races.

Spirited speeches from both sides of the House marked the debate and almost for the first time in the history of Assembly, the Congress Party Muslim League and the Government voiced the same sentiments, and the motion was carried without a division.

Mr Das said "I know economic sanctions would not harm South Africa much, but they would have their own moral value in the year 1946. If economic sanctions are applied and the High Commissioner recalled I know a satyagraha (civil disobedience) movement will be started in South Africa."

Mr Das attributed the new Bill to the greediness for power—regardless to aid and set on the part of General Smuts.

Sir Hassan Suhrawardy (Muslim League) said the self-respect of Indians was at stake. After the great sacrifice which Indians made in men and money, General Smuts ought in his ashamed of himself in tabling a Bill of this kind.

Mr R. N. Bannerjee, secretary of the Commonwealth Relations Department, said the Government had no official intimation of the exact provisions of the new measure.

Mr Frank Anthony, representative of the Anglo-Indians, supported the motion. He said he had occasion to meet South Africans "and while they had their exceptions, they made poor soldiers on the whole.

"That those same people should undertake a policy of discrimination towards the Indians, but the whose soldiers South Africa might have commercially have been overrun, must be intolerable."

Mr Anthony said that he thought the motive behind the policy of South Africa was one of fear that the Indian community, "essentially more virile, would acquire great prominence. He suggested that every South African community in India should be subjected to the same economic and social disabilities as those imposed on Indians in South Africa.

Mr. Anthony uttered a warning that South Africa would sow the seed of a colour war which would flare around the world.

Mr K. C. Neogy (Congress) addressing the Treasury benches, said "Please ask your White masters to quit India Union and end the British rule in India, we are all likely to get our rightful place anywhere else in the world."

"The white population of South Africa is of cosmopolitan composition. Opposition in its discussion rural grounds is mainly by people of pure British origin. It is the section that denigrates the white population."

Dr N B Khare, a member of the Viceroy's Executive Council for the Reforms Department, said "Adjournment motions may be but the position of South Africa will remain as long as India is not a free country."

Dr Khare said the High Commissioner had gone back to South Africa with certain instructions from the Government of India and would tell the Raj (Indian Government) what the result of his talks with the Union Government was.

Dr Khare added "As far as I am concerned personally, I am convinced that all our efforts will fail. I have no doubt that in spite of all we do the Government of South Africa is not going to listen to us. I assure the House I shall do all I can."

As regards the High Commissioner, Dr Khare held that he should go on functioning in South Africa for the present, adding that thing is certain—the time has come to devise certain measures, and there is no escape now."

"I hope I shall be able in subsequent to the Mouse something which I should do to the cession of the present session. If I fail to achieve anything nothing can prevent me from crossing the floor" Saps-Reuter

Sir Shafa'at On Anti-Indian Bill

Lahore, Monday.

Commenting on the proposed legislation to control the acquisition of landed property by Indians in South Africa, the former High Commissioner Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan said that the implications were so serious that the Raj should make strong representations to the Union Government against it. He suggested that the proposed legislation should be discussed at a round table conference of leaders of south Africa and India so that a constructive policy for the Indian community may be evolved and a political pattern devised for the Indians in South Africa. He urged that conference

In The House Of Commons

London Friday

The Union Government's [illegible] legislative [illegible] restrict the sale of property [illegible] Indians to South Africa [illegible] the subject of a question [illegible] Mr Hamar of Carnarvon next Monday. Dr D N Pritt (Independent Labour) gave notice if he would ask Mr Arthur Henderson, the Under-Secretary for India "whether his attention has been drawn to the recent announcement by General Smuts to the Union Parliament [illegible] passing legislation to prohibit the acquisition of property by Asiatics in other than certain restricted areas and if he will take up this further discrimination against Indians [illegible] South Africa either with the Union Government or with the United Nations Organisation on behalf of Indians." —Sapa-Reuter

PRESS COMMENTS

SOUTH AFRICA AND INDIA

Under the above heading the *United Mercury* writes as follows:

INSULTING and intemperate language such as that used in the Indian House of Assembly during the debate on proposed Indian legislation in South Africa will certainly not help in any way to settle the Indian problem in this country in particular, the gross and unreasonable attempt in the South African army will be bitterly resented by every section of the community here. There is no need to refute it, nor to indulge in recriminations, though speakers in the Union House of Assembly are unlikely to refrain from anything contemptuous between the conduct of South African troops and that of Dusé's Indian army which fought on the side of the Japanese. The vaunted record of the Union's forces needs no defence, and the ridiculous slur of Mr Frank Anthony, the Anglo-Indian representative in the Legislative Assembly will inevitably result on the head of his own compatriots. In this connection it should be made clear that the term "Anglo-Indian" has long since lost the meaning it originally had. It is not now applied to British residents in India but to Eurasians.

Indian is granted a Parliamentary franchise, surely the necessity for this will cease? Either the Indian in the Union has to accept the fact that he is a South African citizen or he must close in his ranks with all the disabilities that attach to an alien.

SOUND AND FURY AT NEW DELHI

The *Natal Daily News* writes as follows under the above heading:

It would be difficult to imagine anything less likely to contribute to good relations between India and South Africa, or to help in settling the problems raised by the Indian population in this country than the sensational manner in which the debate in the Indian Legislative Assembly in New Delhi on an amendment of wild and reckless talk it was certainly impossible to call it an explanation of a question of Commonwealth importance it was so contemptuous as it was undisciplined. We are not concerned, at the moment with the Indian legislation which will be placed before the House of Assembly at Cape Town this session. In terms, apart from the acquisition of property declared that it was not unknown in India they certainly are to the fiery speakers at New Delhi. What is of present importance is that these speakers are busy painting a picture of the Indian as perishing in the Union, and of the Indians part in the Union as one which, if we sit tamely by and allow the facts. People who are prepared to believe that South Africa owes Indians saved South Africa in the war and that as a reward they are being politically enslaved will obviously believe anything. Such talk makes the meetings of our wilder Natal aliens sound almost the sense.

The whole subject is difficult, but it is necessary to point out some of the more fantastic accusations Mr Bhuta charge, for example that the legislation will be a sign of general Smuts's grandiose [illegible] power—grandiose in all a cracked rock bottom. What sanity or grasp of knowledge of South African realities, and international aspirations if as General Smuts? Who has lived harder in reach we accommodation in this matter and who has been more hated criticised by many White South Africans [illegible] Bhuta's attitude to the Indian people here? But this is on a par with much else in the debat It suits Indian politicians in India to depict their compatriots here as unprovoked malevol[illegible] ill treated and yet as the very soul of the South African [illegible] and the backbone of its war effort. Those who know something of the Indian community here, and some ling of the real attitudes under which the average Indian lives in India will rub their eyes in wonder at this curiosities A. M. Frank Archbishop, an Anglo-Indian paper sensitive and a member of the Indian National Defence Council, saw fit to d[illegible] the occasion by gratuitously insulting South African troops, who, he said, despite exceptions, "made poor soldiers on the whole The unsolicited references of the high regard entertained for such other by Indian and South African [illegible] on many fronts, during both this war and the last stamp the utterance of the unthinkable Mr Anthony as offensive nonsense.

LAND TENURE BILL AND INDIANS

The Capetown political correspondent of the *Daily News* records:—

The intention of the Government to introduce during this session a bill dealing among other things, with land tenure in Natal was announced in the Assembly on Tuesday 21 by General Smuts.

"The provisions relating to land tenure will apply to the whole province and will m[illegible] prohibition against transactions for the consolidation of fixed property between Asiatics and persons who are not Asiatics, other than fixed property in certain [illegible] areas which will be specified in the Bill and in such other areas as may be exempted by parliamentary resolutions from time to time General Smuts said that.

The Bill will also provide for certain restrictions in regard to occupation by Asiatics or Europeans respectively of land or premises within those exempted areas.

This statement followed the [illegible] work of the Government's legislative plans. It is understood that similar action will be taken in respect of the Transvaal where areas for Indian occupation will be set as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Natal.

The Transvaal [illegible] will thus resolve the [illegible] fixed property in areas which have been specifically set aside for them

Mr S. W. Duckworth the High Commissioner for India in the Union who has been in India in discussions with the Indian Government has returned to Capetown and will interview General Smuts.

It is expected that Mr Duckworth will press for another round table conference between the Union and Indian Government [illegible] It is not likely however that the Union Government will agree to his course at present.

Moreover the Indian Bills will have to be passed by Parliament before General Smuts leaves the Union in April to attend the Peace Conference which is to be held early in May

It is understood that the new legislation will make provision for the Indians in Natal and the Transvaal to be given representation in the Union Parliament and in the two Provincial Councils. The Indians will be registered on a communal roll an[illegible] not on the ordinary voters rolls. Their election of Senators, M.P.'s and M.P.C.'s to represent their interests will be on a communal basis.

The so called Indian problem in the Transvaal and Natal is no longer regarded as a domestic matter it has international implications under present-day conditions.

The manner in which the Indian question is solved obviously has a bearing on the future of the mandated territory of South West Africa, which the Union is anxious to incorporate.

The Natal and Transvaal Indians are determined to press the Government's proposals in favour of possible even to the extent of sending delegations to the Indian Government and to the United Nations Organisation They are opposed to being granted a communal franchise because they want the same voting rights as the Europeans.

General Smuts has agreed to receive a deputation from the South African Indian Congress on Monday He will interview representatives of the Natal Municipal Association and the Durban City Council on February 13.

South African Indian Congress

The South African Indian Congress will meet at Capetown on the 9th and 10th of the month as well as General Smuts on Monday on the proposed new legislation as he introduced this session to the Indian question. Thirty-five delegates come from Natal, the Transvaal and the Cape will attend besides the High Commissioner for India and well-known Indian leaders. It is likely to be the biggest Indian Conference held there even than the Conference in 1935 when Dr Malan's Class Areas Amendment Bill was discussed. Mrs. Margaret Ballinger M.P. (Native representative), will open the Conference in the banquet hall at the Capetown City Hall on Friday evening and the Mayor Mr A. Ismail may will welcome the delegates.

Smuts Fears Natal

BECOMING AN INDIAN PROVINCE

General Smuts did not deny that the Government's proposed Bill for Natal Indians would raise serious issues as it was known that the Government of India took a grave view of the matter Although the Prime Minister was unwilling to commit himself definitely he spoke the impression that neither he nor his Government would welcome Natal becoming an Indian province—as it might well become if the contemplated Bill were not passed

Engagement

Mr V. C. Parekh, proprietor of the well-known firm of Messrs. Chanthal Bros. received a message from India on Wednesday the 6th instant that the eldest son Mr Kanti is engaged to Miss Parvan Kumari daughter of Mr [illegible] Vithalrai of Bombay To celebrate the occasion Mr. V. R. Parekh invited Mr. H. M. Deshmukh High Commissioner for India, Messrs. Lalbhai Bhailal, R. Dhupelia, Dr Desai and members of his own family to dinner.

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SENATOR SMITH ON FOOD PROBLEM

SENATOR SMITH speaking in the Senate said that if the Government had a plan to use the country's vast natural resources it would become "the pantry of the world". Producers should know that they had a fixed price and a guaranteed consumption of their products for at least 15 years.

Given that guarantee farmers could treble production and then by cold storage and processing, a reserve could be built up which could prevent the country ever from being short of food.

There was an enticing lie because such a scientific plan would expose to the whole world that food was not a question enough food to feed the people South Africa would have to admit if rationing were introduced that for generations a vast section of the population had starved by degrees.

Africans were fainting at their work at Durban for lack of food. For the first time was a black market in bread in Durban, and Africans had to pay 1s. and 1s. 6d. a loaf.

The Government should make it a punishable offence for restrictions to be put on the production of sugar cane and should guarantee cane planters that every ton of cane produced would be bought.

He had more than a thousand drilled, trained, well-clothed, well-fed and fairly well paid Africans coming feeds from the North. What was going to happen to them now? Was all the training to be wasted? Were they to be sent back to their kraals where they would sit down and tell the stories of their campaigns for the rest of their lives?

Had the Government ever thought of recruiting them into shock battalions to help the country produce food? The Government should make no experiment and on the African soldiers returned, let trusted people go among them and ask for volunteers to create a vast army of workers for the land who would be well-paid and clothed.

Machinery was available and tractors could be obtained and with trained men—no longer raw Natives—he was sure South Africa could make an effort at land production equal to the war effort.

Pondeland and Natal stood ready to plough more land than the whole of South Africa could eat.

The Government should harness also the food-producing abilities of the Indians in Natal. All they wanted was land, machinery and good facilities to produce vast quantities of food if the Government had the vision and the enterprise. It would be able on harvests to feed production [illegible] as soon as there is Native, European and Indian food producers in the world.

With the industrialisation of Durban, the Indians and their central gardens were being pushed out and on plan was being made for them. The Government had spent millions of money on schemes for European small holders. It should be possible to spend some money for the Indians to engage to their natural pursuit.

SOCIALISM AND GANDHISM

By PROF ANATH GOPAL SEN in The Modern Review

(Continued from last week)

There is no escape from war on humanitarian horrors, however much we may swear by the highest ideals of socialism. I will not speak of non-violence here, because our rational mind and masculine eminence are likely to be shocked. But I can not help mentioning of truth, though food also practical men of affairs have no faith in it as a guide. They dare not condemn openly but to them truth also smacks of spiritualism and they don't like the stench in bureaucratic affairs. But what whatever their conviction about the utility of truth in political and worldly matters, we cannot live without it. In fact, truth rightly understood is not really a spiritual thing but the truest science and highest logic. It is the concentrated essence of rationalism of which we are so proud in modern eyes. The function of science is to ascertain the law which upholds and directs the universe. The correct knowledge about that law is truth in the living universe when we find the existence of both matter and spirit, there is no reason why physics alone and not metaphysics should be regarded as science and why the forces working in the mental, moral and spiritual spheres, the study of their actions and reactions, their growth and decay should be regarded as irrational faith or a blind prejudice. If we fail to recognise the spiritual forces and do not care to develop, see first and utilise them, the fate of all human society will be unfruitful as ours and socialism to the extent that it is based on truth cannot also reach its desired goal. So long we have watched with admiration and wonder the amazing achievements of Lenin's Russia—but we are afraid we have to watch with a grievous heart her grand preparation for crusade along with other capitalistic nations unless there is a complete change of heart on their part. Moreover noble and high the goal of Soviet Russia may be, on power on earth can fight against the law of cause and ceaseless tendency in the triumph of commonside laws.

Now let us come to Gandhism. To secure the results and liberties of the underdogs in also the life's mission of Gandhiji. But to achieve his goal he must prepared to use any means which cannot stand the test of truth and non violence. What is truth and what is non-violence is the subject of his life long researches and in the political and economic salvation of India, any of the whole world he is experimenting on the truth in a spirit of an inmate of a Public keeping himself above all temptations, passions and greed. We understand truth and non violence, even durable them, because we have never cared to understand or study them. Truth is not the exclusive property of any individual world or to be interpreted in matters mundane, it is no equally powerful weapon in politics, it is one desires permanent peace and eternal strength for mankind. Neither non-violence is cowardice or a meaningless fad, having an application in national struggle or in war of offence or defence. To quote Gandhiji,

> "Non violence is not a passivity in any shape or form. Non violence, as I understand it, is the most active force in the world. Its hidden depths sometimes stagger me just as much as they stagger fellow workers. There are no vain words of a vain politician but they are words wrong out from the deepest depths of a lifelong seeker of truth of a great lover and a lifelong fighter. It is not possible for me to unfold here in detail the hidden strength and beauty of truth and non-violence which Gandhiji has fond able to explore by his untiring experiments with them by means of total self denial and self abasement.

He has realised this much from his experiments (with truth and non violence) that the life current of the universe cannot be refused by any human power to flow in a particular channel according to his desires. This evolutionary force is subject to any convention in theory how-ever ungodly prepared and adopted by the most learned men. He has seen that by divine will, light and darkness, truth and untruth, life and death live side by side, each as the counterpart of the other. You cannot think of one without the other. But the eternal march of man is from darkness to light, from untruth to truth, and from Death to Eternal Life and Bliss. We cannot drive darkness, untruth and death altogether out of existence by force, but we can rid them of much of their poisons and make them harmless. Because we can do it on has it food possible for us still to emit. However much and abused jealousy greed, egoism, name and dignity and strife may shout and proclaim themselves as the masters of the situation, the principal actors of the stage, they are not the real leaders, or the members of the world-destiny. They are no... even in majority, though it may be admitted that to represent times their supremacy have consented to a limited no test. But the tragic fate of Hitler and Mussolini, of Tojo and many villains ought to serve as a timely warning to those who are still blinded by greed and power. The Anglo-American and Russian heroes may also learn lessons from it. Churchill's fall from power is also a good lesson. The writings on the wall are quite clear.

(To be continued)

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SAPA-REUTER NEWS

Agate Remanded

London Tuesday

Abdul Hack Kajee (21) on Indian Irish Dublin charged as a fugitive offender was again remanded when he made his fifth appearance at the police court here today. The reason this time was the indisposition of the Magistrate, Mr McKenna.

Ex-Prime Minister Of Burma

Rangoon Tuesday

Mr U Saw, a former Prime Minister of Burma, described how Mr Churchill opposed very aggressive and provocative in an interview in London when he was there in 1941 to ask for dominion status for Burma. Mr U Saw said that at the latter view the first question Mr Churchill asked was whether Burma was not happier under British rule than under the last Burmese king. Mr U Saw who was detained by the Government after alleged contacts with the Japanese authorities in 1942 and has now been released, said "It is true that I met the Japanese Legation at Lisbon, but the object of my interview was just to ask them to request the Japanese Government at Tokio to look after Burmese students in Japan." An announcement here to Downing Street, London, on January 9 said I has come to the knowledge of the British Government that Mr U Saw has been in contact with the Japanese authorities since the outbreak of war with Japan. This fact has been confirmed by his own admission. The Government have accordingly been compelled to detain him

Fear Of Famine In Bengal

Bombay, Thursday

Doctor Protulla Chandra Ghosh, a member of the Congress Party Executive, said that he feared another famine in Midnapore. Doctor Ghosh who has just returned from Midnapore which was badly hit in the 1942 and 1943 famines, said that the harvest this year was only 1/4th of normal. Many families will begin to starve in March and unless steps are taken when things will happen then in 1943. The *Times Of India* commenting on the food situation said that without an improvement in food imports there would be more famine this year. At the present there is no need for panic. We do not think the same conditions as in 1943. A good distribution machine exists and there is no war to be won. Shipping is available for urgent needs: world grain stocks are short but not as short as to necessitate a famine.

No Confidence Motion

New Delhi Thursday

The Indian Legislative Assembly carried without division the All India Congress Party's adjournment motion censuring the Government for recruiting European officers in the Indian Civil Service and the Indian Police Service in view of the declared intention of the Government in hand over administration very shortly to the people of India.

RIAF Strike

New Delhi, Thursday

The strike of 1,000 men of the Royal Indian Air Force at Cawnpore ended today. The Indian airmen had wanted their strike after 5,000 RAF men at Cawnpore resumed duties two days ago.

Forced Feeding Of Political Prisoners

Bendy Thursday

The prison authorities have resorted to the forced feeding of 15 political prisoners in the Bareli by district gaol who started a hunger strike for better treatment and reading and writing facilities. They threatened to fast unto death unless their grievances were redressed.

Federal Court Dismisses Appeal

New Delhi Thursday

The Federal Court of India today dismissed on appeal by Bhopal Singh former ruler of Bhajji of Minto Hill states who was contesting his detention in a mental hospital. The Court held that it had no jurisdiction. Bhopal Singh was deposed in September 1940 and detained in Lahore mental hospital.

Assembly Rejects Congress Party's Motion

New Delhi Friday

The Legislative Assembly today rejected without a division an adjournment motion tabled by the Congress Party censuring the Government over the question of repatriation. The motion referred to the quantum of repatriation legitimately due from Germany and Japan to India, and the failure of the British Government of India to get the proper units by demanding to a degree out of all proportion to the world demands." This is the fourth adjournment motion moved by the Congress Party in the New Central Assembly. Two of the motions, censuring the Government for the use of Indian troops in Indonesia and for the recruitment of Europeans for the Indian civil and police services, were carried. The third motion was dropped after lengthy discussion.

Gandhiji To Be Weighed Against Silver

Madras, Friday

Mahatma Gandhi has agreed to be weighed for the first time in his life against silver at the request of a Madras businessman. The ceremony will take place shortly and the silver estimated at £400, will be given to Mahatma Gandhi's followers for uplifting Harijans (untouchables). Mahatma Gandhi weighs 98 lbs.

Coalition In Sind

Karachi Saturday

A coalition of the Congress Party, Nationalists Moslems and the Syed group (progressive Moslem League Party) has been formed in the Sind assembly, commanding 30 out of 60 seats. The second largest party will be the Moslem League with 27 seats while the European group hold three seats. The coalition with the Congress Party was announced by the leaders of the other two parties in a joint statement which said that the step had been taken in the interests of the province of Sind which has suffered grievously on the past.

Prices Again Rationing

Lucknow Sunday

Some 50,000 people made a hunger march through the main streets of Lucknow yesterday in the latest demonstration in front of the Government buildings as a protest against the reduction of the wheat ration. On January 31 the United Provinces Government issued an order reducing the wheat ration and announcing the rice ration on from February 1 to May 1 (until the arrival of the new crop) owing to the shortage of wheat which is the staple food of the province. Those taking part in the procession who were from all political parties—Congress, Moslem League, Hindu Mahasabha and Communist—carried party flags and shouted such slogans as "Down with Rationing" and "Hindus and Moslems United." Some in the procession carried chapatis (wheat cakes) in token of the inadequate cut in the ration. The procession ended with a meeting which was addressed by Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant a former Premier of the United Provinces Pandit Pant said the present land and cloth scarcity in the country was the result of incompetent administration by a foreign government. The meeting passed a resolution declaring that a national and popular government alone could by its own an effective policy and provide food and other necessities for the Indian people.

Ruler Ordered To Leave His State

Allahabad Sunday

Sir Gulab Singh Bahadur the recently deposed Maharajah of Rewa in Central India has been officially asked by the political department of the Indian Government to leave his state with in three days. Accepting to Sir Gulab the period of exile had no time limit, and he has been exiled from the United and Lesser Provinces, all central Indian states and Rajputana. It was announced on Wednesday that the heir apparent Martand Singh Bahadur has been recognised as the new Maharajah of Rewa, and that his father had been deposed for breaches of the conditions on which he was allowed to return to Rewa after an enquiry in 1942 on allegations concerning the death of two of his concubines.

News in Brief

Motions of no confidence in the Government which were moved by leaders of the Opposition during the war years occupied nearly 40 days of Parliamentary time and over the five years £650 000. On an innovative estimate the House of Assembly costs £200 an hour while it sits.

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The Minister of Finance, replying to Mr Haywood (Nat Rosen burton District) said that the Union Treasury had benefited by £1 023 456 by sharing with the British Government profits made on the sale of gold in India. The total amount obtained from gold realisations charges been Jones, 1 940 to September 194 was £11 9 9 84 of which £10 01 .11 had been to the State and the balance to the gold mines.

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BOTH European and Indian communities have drawn a number of hasty conclusions from the statement made by General Smuts in the Union House of Assembly on the legislation to be introduced during the Session to replace the Pegging Act, which expires at the end of March. The Prime Minister's statement did not purport, and was not intended to give an indication of the nature of the impending legislation. It was made with a very limited but specific and essential purpose, namely to make it clear that the Bill would have no retrospective effect on from January 27 as far as transactions for the acquisition of fixed property are concerned.

General Smuts's statement does not cancel out the undertaking in the speech from the Throne that the new legislation will approach the Asiatic problem "on a broad basis." Therefore, until the legislation is revealed it would be prudent to withhold criticism. There will be room enough for that later on. Rash deductions based on what must inevitably be an inadequate knowledge of the facts, cannot do any good; they might do a lot of harm by inflaming passions and encouraging feelings.

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No Monopoly Of Reaction

THAT reactionary race attitudes are not a monopoly of one section of the South African people was once again brought home to the House of Assembly. During the debate on the Nationalist motion of no-confidence both General Kemp, Joint Nationalist leader in the Transvaal and Colonel Stallard, leader of the Dominion Party, refused to the current crime wave, analysed its causes, and suggested certain remedies. Significantly enough, the attitudes towards the native revealed in these two speeches bore a striking resemblance, and what the one said might just as easily have been said by the other.

The Indian problem of course, has in the past provided a common meeting ground for reactionaries, whether they be English or Afrikaans-speaking, and will no doubt, do so again during the present Session. None the less for example in so violently and [illegible] reactionary in his attitude towards the Indian community as the member of the Dominion Party indeed, on Natives the would want to go further in his zeal to "Keep the Indian in his place."

In these days it is well that we should bear these facts in mind, for a section of English-speaking South Africans is all too prone to blame the Afrikaans alone for preaching race-extermination. It simply is not true. What is true and what constitutes a real danger to progress is that the reactionaries of the two European sections may some day get together on a platform of racial exclusiveness, and intolerance as far as the non-European is concerned. That would, indeed, be a sad day for South Africa.—*From*

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India And General Smuts

[illegible] all over South [illegible] indeed the Cen[illegible] the South Afri[illegible]can Indi[illegible] Cape[illegible]town following [illegible] Government that [illegible] was about to [illegible] legislation [illegible] the Union Parliament to control acquisition and occupation of land by Indians which [illegible] in other words [illegible] the segregation of Indians [illegible] Smuts has always been prepared by Indians and their champions of exploitation to [illegible] appeasing [illegible]

Mindful with the British Commission for India which [illegible] to consult the people in India before [illegible] any decision was taken here was help in the General not only [illegible] very anxious [illegible] Indians until all the [illegible] to [illegible] High Commissioner [illegible]

The announcement [illegible] over seas in the first [illegible] his return Hopes had been cherished that the High Commissioner on his return would prevail on General Smuts to agree to a Round Table Conference between representatives of their Governments so that all matters may be discussed on an internationl basis General Smuts has rejected the idea of a Round Table Conference.

The Conference in spite of its known attitude decided to [illegible] view but [illegible] representatives from the Conference [illegible] on Thursday, Messrs. [illegible] Jhaveri and Chimanlal spoke on the interview. Opposition to the proposals was expressed and the broken promises were referred to particularly that it would not resort to compulsory segregation. Appeals to wait to hear and to present [illegible] proposals but this [illegible] Round Table Conference was the right [illegible] to find a way out and [illegible] of the position of Indians in South Africa on the part of the people of India. Deputations of all sections from the country to India and vice versa would help towards such an understanding so long as the Union Government runs this country on lines based on race discriminations, Indians will never be free from troubles at the hands of Whites and at each times Indians must look to India for such help as she could give.

India now is on the threshold of freedom and is participating in the Councils of the Nations as a nation in her own right. Her position grows stronger and stronger and she will without a doubt in due course take a place among the big powers India will never cease to take an interest in her children abroad but she will not unnecessarily interfere in the countries where they have made their home. We certainly think that she will make herself heard when it becomes necessary for her to do something for her children abroad. We believe that when she becomes an independent nation that she will ask like all independent nations when the rights of her children are concerned in any way.

If wrongdoings are inflicted against and the worst happens to us we have yet to keep up a struggle of some kind which would be decided upon by us according to the circumstances from time to time. If the High Commissioner is withdrawn from this country there is no reason to us to doubt that India would not keep fighting but not cause in such manner as to open to us independent country.

All is due during Mahatma [illegible] Passive Resistance in South Africa stood by us. Whatever may be the [illegible] struggle we may [illegible] in this country we shall always have India behind us.

There are suggestions in the Provincial in the proposed law, there may be a prohibition against Europeans handing money to Indians more than 50 per cent of the value of the land and buildings. If the Government includes such a provision then it means there would be a quick method of economic strangulation of Indians. Day by day this is becoming clearer and clearer that the European agitation though not mainly aimed at the acquisition and occupation of land by Indians is really so aimed upon the economic position of Indians. General Smuts protests that there is no question of economics in his proposals, but he fails to recognise the consequences of his proposals on his mind at the moment only concerned with satisfying the Whites in his White Man's [illegible] fears.

To us General Smuts's proposals hold on hope at the future. Even when he talks of the Communal Franchise he talks of a Franchise which would give us the right to send Europeans to represent us in the Assembly and in the Senate on a level with the Natives of the country. He has no objections to all with Indians in the Councils of the Nations even under the Chairmanship of an Indian.

General Smuts and those who think like him cannot for ever keep down the non-Europeans. Would to heaven instead of using his powers in discriminate against the people within his borders, he would peep into the future to see where his discriminations are leading to and he will find them in already the beginning of a colour conflict in South Africa which will in due course be [illegible] in a world conflict

JOHN DUBE

A GREAT ZULU DEAD

DU the REV JOHN L. DUBE was the man and a Chief To become a Christian, he gave up all his rights to the Chieftainship

Educated at Adams Mission the finest institution of the American Board of Missions of Amerika made he promised to America to study medicine. On his arrival there he gave up the idea of studying medicine to enter the Church and to due course returned to South Africa as a Missionary under the American Board of Missions.

He later established the Ohlange Institute at Phoenix which is the only Native School for the Indians which is controlled by Natives.

The Natives newspaper *Ilanga* [illegible] was founded and edited by him for very many years.

He was elected as the first President of the South African Native National Congress as well as the first President of the Natal Native Congress

In all matters affecting Natives he took a prominent part. He was an able speaker both in Zulu and English and was the spokesman of his people.

He was a member of the Native Representative Council. He was the first Native to receive the honorary degree of a South African University as a great Zulu scholar

He was an Ikosose among his people and it was said that he had much influence with the Zulu Royal House.

His passing at the age of 75 leaves a void in the country for he was known and respected by all and the presence at thousands of all ranks at his graveside was a testimony to his greatness in the service of his people and his fellowmen.

To us at the Phoenix Settlement from the days of Mahatma Gandhi he has been a kindly neighbour and we shall miss him.

S.A. INDIAN CONGRESS CONFERENCE

PROTEST AGAINST PROPOSED ANTI-INDIAN LEGISLATION

In the inauguration of discussion in Parliament and in the country the Government was trying to regain something of its popularity by clamping down the Indian community, said Mr A Ismail, president of the South African Indian Congress in his presidential address at the conference of the Indian Congress convened in Capetown to protest against the Government's proposed Asiatic legislation. The two delegates from Natal in the Transvaal and the Cape Provinces attended the Conference. There were 35 official delegates from each province and a number of fraternal delegates from Northern Natal. The address was opened by Mrs. A M Sadhigee, M.P.

The High Commissioner for India Mr P. N. Deshmukh, who has recently returned from a visit to New Delhi for consultations with the Government of India attended the opening. There were present among others the Deputy Mayor of Capetown Bishop Lavis, Mr Talbot (with the American Consul Associate Mattern and Alex Adams M.P.

Referring to the proposed Asiatic Land Tenure legislation, Mr Ismail said "the most sinister, the most dangerous aspect of this matter is that what the Prime Minister Field Marshal Smuts, of world renown as a statesman, as the defender justice and truth, of equality and rights of man, proposes, is a deliberate attack upon every principle of right government for which he has stood, for which he has been acclaimed and honoured in most of the capitals of the western world upon which, in fact, his whole prestige relies and rests

The Government's proposals had a two-fold significance, that which concerned the Indians and that which concerned the world in general, said Mr Ismail—

"I am convinced that this enemy is not only a enemy for Indians, it is a crime for the Prime Minister—the greatest test in his career. As the facts become known, as the history of our times is written, this crisis will enhance or dim the lustre of the Prime Minister's reputation. The test in his as well as mine if he persists in driving his present proposals to the statute book, I make bold to say that his glory will fade and the measure of his greatness diminish. The responsibility is his whether he will go down in moral defeat or be raised up in moral triumph."

The indictment of the Union and its Government was overwhelming. The Government persisted to saddle the Indian community with an almost exact replica of the notorious Asiatic Reservation Bill that drew strong protest from Dr Malan

After quoting from the Prime Minister's speech in the House of Assembly during the debate on the Pegging Act in 1943, Mr Ismail said it was as if General Smuts had said to 1513 I stand by the Capetown Agreement" and said in 1946 "I stand by Dr Malan's Asiatic Restriction Bill." How could General Smuts recommend to such contradictions?

The Minister of Finance, Mr Mahomed had said during the debate on the Pegging Act that he doubted very much whether the Pegging Act could legitimately be passed before the Capetown Agreement was abrogated So contrary was it in spirit and provisions.

The Capetown Agreement has not been abrogated In the words of General Smuts, it still stands—recently, it is true, touched by pains by the same General Smuts in the present proposals which are a repetition of the very proposals Dr Malan withdrew, and which he so changed for the Capetown Agreement Newspapers in the world would seek expediency pass unpunished by a democratic people

"Time and again we have been assured that the only issue on which Europeans took exception to indirect was the issue of residential proximity the president continued In the presence of some of us General Smuts said that acquisition was not the problem Yet now the Government proposes to forbid acquisition and occupation of property except in certain segregated areas The Government changed its attitude in the whims of any passing politician.

It was poor compensation to give Indians a communal franchise after imposing on them a legislative design which no franchise could alter

What was the use of any kind of franchise, communal or communal, unless it could be used to modify existing circumstances, remedy injustices and redress grievances?

At a time when South Africa was called upon to make a contribution to the human problem of accommodating a still growing Indian within the county of the United Nations, was the proposed legislation the best the British of Natal could offer as a British way of life?

Let no one all possible means the persuade General Smuts of the unsatisfactory and [illegible] of our claims to effective citizenship in South Africa, the president said I should like to use legislation based on the principle of an expanding citizenship, offering as a share in the privileges and responsibilities of government I am convinced that our immediate course is to ask General Smuts to implement the recommendations of the Indian Commission Immediate consultation between the two Governments and a postponement of the present proposals.

Let us have, as Mr Justice Benson wrote, a new start, which I am sure would lead to a new charter of rights, a reinstatement of the Capetown Agreement. To this way shall we find a common salvation. If we fail to persuade the Prime Minister, what else is left for us to do but to appeal to India first so that she in her maturity, might come to our aid and, second to all who cherish the principles of democracy

Advocate A Christopher urged the very out of the present position was by way of a Round Table Conference between representatives of the Union and the Indian Governments.

Indians were not without their difficulties since their arrival in this country and after Mahatma Gandhi had been here for some years, matters came to a climax He then got into operation the principles of non violence and very many thousands followed him. And General Smuts to the end entered into an agreement which was known as Gandhi Smuts Agreement. It was also described as the Magna Charta. And so it has passed and the next stage was the Round Table Conference which gave us the Capetown Agreement and an Indian Agent and then again some time passed and another Round Table Conference took place and the Capetown Agreement was continued. And now an Agent has become the High Commissioner still under the Capetown Agreement It passed but the right thing to continue with the Round Table Conference was the betterment of the Capetown Agreement

General Smuts has taken the lead in preaching that the method of the Round Table Conference was the way to peace and happiness and freedom of mankind and to carry out that method the UNO has been established Besides India and South Africa were other Dominions of the British Com

meanwhile and the Round Table Conference would be the handy method of settling disputes between relations. The Bremen Commissioner appointed by Gen Smuts also recommended in this the way out was a Round Table Conference between the two countries. If General Smuts persists in rejecting the Round Table Conference there will be an entirely new temporary on his part and South African minds General Smuts would be pioneering a world war in the years to come on the conflict of colour.

Addressing the South African Indian Congress Conference, Dr A. M. Gool said that there could be no question of the Indians accepting communal franchise. What we would like to see was the extension of the municipal franchise in the Indian community of Natal, than the Provincial franchise and eventually full franchise on the same conditions as the Coloured people of the Cape.

Dr G. M. Naicker send his thankful greetings to Congress of 319,000 voteless unelected, under-schooled overcrowded and semi-agitated Indians. The message of the people of Natal was that they were sick and tired of broken pledges and promises. They were sick and tired of having common rights taken away gradually. They were not on South African on sufferance. They were not going in dilly dally with their demands. They were not going to compromise on principles. What they and gone to General Smuts they had not gone to him to beg any favours but to ask for what was their birthright. They were going to march together with other progressive peoples if only the world to get what was theirs.

It was not many long ago when the same Provincial Council which was today so full Indian in its attitude had begged and pleaded with the Government of India to send a few shiploads of Indians to work in Natal and consequently a law had been passed to enable indentured Indians to remain in with a promise that their rights would in no way be inferior to those of the Europeans. Has as a democ- [illegible] fail that he had been cheated of this. The people of Natal on whom the proposed legislation was going to fall were prepared The Prime Minister who had hinted over the wireless about freedom had again broken his pledge

[illegible] they [illegible] justice [illegible] ensure a peaceful [illegible] have used [illegible] rights of man [illegible] disregarding of the [illegible] the Indian community [illegible] and a contractual [illegible] as India it used [illegible] duly of Indian [illegible] The Union Nation [illegible] secure the full treatment of a minority, wherever they may happen to be.

It is the conclusion that question of majority groups have in the past brought much bend in the hands of dictators which stimulation India unanimity to use that there in fair and just treatment accorded to all minorities, and, naturally enough particularly to minorities composed of their own countrymen. It is the feeling which has prompted the recent debate in the South African quarters in the Indian Central Assembly.

"The statement is that as I what I think I have properly described as some of the [illegible] politicians in Natal have perhaps been parallel to some of the speeches in the Assembly debate. The task of the assembly, however in the case of the external ascertainment and decide and to find the path I [illegible] that leads to conciliation. This is my appeal this evening—my appeal to hon who guide the destinies of the country—and my appeal go to you, the delegates of this conference, who will have to contribute your own statesmanship your own experience and political wisdom to the solution of the problems with which we will soon be confronted.

HIGH COMMISSIONER DESHMUKH ON POSITION OF INDIA IN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

THE High Commissioner for India Mr R M Deshmukh, addressing the South African Indian Council Conference in Capetown on Friday night appealed to South African Indians to ignore sentimental assumptions and to find the path of justice that leads to reconciliation.

Mr Deshmukh said "I have been asked to say a few words to you. This is an honour I greatly appreciate but I would have preferred to have been a silent observer at this Conference I could then have come to [illegible] that I can say or do in the interests of the Government which I represent that I should say

"As you know I have just returned from India. I can assure you that India is watching anxiously political developments here. You are well aware that on the South African question there are on different amongst political leaders in India and you have doubtless observed that even non-official European opinion in India fully supports general Indian public opinion as expressed in the Assembly debates.

"We in India recognise that Indians here are connected with us by history and tradition but at the same time they are South African nationals.

"Talk of their being compulsorily repatriated from this land whose they have as much if not more right than many persons claiming full rights of nationality is rightly rejected as irresponsible and impractical in advance it provides on basis of a solution of the question.

"We in India also recognise that the main burden of the fight to establish and maintain their rights in this country must fall on Indians here. Their success must depend upon their capacity to unite in a common purpose and their preparedness to make the sacrifices which all who give of their substance, and of their ability to organise their efforts towards their goal

"Compromise, when opportunity offers something reasonable and honourable, is a necessary part of the equipment of those who would organise such a movement, and I hope you will not exclude the possibility of taking what is good and useful without surrendering your right to continue to strive for your further objectives. You appear at the moment to be likely to be called upon to face a grave crisis. May I sincerely express the hope that with wisdom and patience you may be able to find a way out

"India, you may be sure, will make every attempt to assist in finding a reasonable and honourable settlement, and will continuously keep in view the need to avoid measures that may cause friction between the people of the two countries. India's object is to promote good relations, and she is inspired by no motive in so far as the internal government of the country. When she is critical of the administration and policies of the country it is because of the obligation imposed on her under the contract between the two Governments which brought Indians to South Africa's shores. This is an obligation imposed on all Governments to protect their countrymen overseas. Particularly when these country men have not been accorded the full rights of citizenship which would enable them to protect their own interests.

"Responsible as the discussion of modern times there is an obligation imposed on all Governments, called on to take part in the councils of nations, to see that minority groups are accorded that fair treatment which ensures international harmony Thus, by reason of his place in the United Nations

CONFERENCE'S RESOLUTION TO GENERAL SMUTS

THE Conference of the south African Indian Congress, after a session lasting more than 12 hours in Capetown on Sunday, elected a delegation of about 50 to meet the Prime Minister, General Smuts, at 3 p.m. on Monday to protest against the proposed Asiatic land tenure legislation and to ask for a Round Table Conference.

It was decided that the delegation should consist of the officials of the South African Indian Congress—three past presidents, 12 representatives each of the Cape Indian Congress, Transvaal Indian Congress, Natal Indian Congress and the Fraternal Delegates.

The High Commissioner for India, Mr R. M. Deshmukh attended Sunday's session. Mr E. Talbot-Smith, the United States Consul in Durban, was also present.

After sitting in committee all day, the Conference unanimously resolved "that the South African Indian Congress is gravely perturbed at the proposals, announced by the Prime Minister to deal with land tenure in the Transvaal and Natal Provinces.

"Embodied in legislation to be introduced during this session of the Union Parliament, these proposals seriously to limit the land rights and free economic and social development of the Indian community in Natal and the Transvaal.

"The proposals of the Prime Minister to deal with the Indian question are totally unacceptable to the Indian community

to that they ... ...ject with a request ... any legal ... ...

MESSAGES TO CONFERENCE

General Smuts

The Prime Minister General Smuts, in a message to the South African Indian Conference said:—

The Pegging Act which was passed on 31st March was an interim measure intended to give time for a more comprehensive solution of the Indian question in Natal. The Union Parliament had no desire and had in any satisfactory result.

At the same time the Pegging Act cannot be allowed to lapse without more legislation at that would lead to a state of things which would of all results be the most lamentable. The Government has therefore announced its intention to deal with the whole matter of land tenure in Natal on a broad basis which will take into consideration the more important of the complicated issues involved.

Both the Indian community and the European public have laid their views at claims before the Government by way of deputations and memoranda and the Government in drawing up drafting a measure which will in due course be laid before Parliament. It is hoped that a satisfactory issue out of the existing troubles may thus be found. It is not considered probable that this measure will be completed before the holding of the South African Indian Congress, but its aims as it is an order it will be published for general discussion by the public and action by Parliament. The early passing of the Pegging Act makes it necessary to expedite action and finalise the new legislation as much as possible.

Mr Deshmukh

The High Commissioner for India, Mr Deshmukh, in a message to Congress dispatched from New Delhi before his departure to South Africa by air, said "Organisation and united action is essential in your defensive struggle for existence. Remember high ideals and principles are always good, but compromise on a emergency and expediency is not always Wisdom lies in doing the proper thing at the proper time."

Dr Khare

A message from Dr Khare, Commonwealth Relations Member, Overseas Department, New Delhi, said — "My best wishes for success of Conference session It is an mean tribute to vitality and pull influence of Indians in South Africa that they have survived all the disabilities they have been labouring under in two generations. They are again facing a grave crisis. Undoubtedly they will not fail in upholding their self respect in the country of their adoption Trusting that they will exercise self control worthy of history and culture of India in their struggle I assure them it will be my constant endeavour to do all I can to assist them in upholding their self respect.

Numerous other messages were read including the following —

Maulana Azad

President Indian National Congress

"We are fully conscious of the difficulties which confront you. We support your struggle which is part of India's struggle for freedom. We assure you India is behind you in your efforts. India is free from as much enmity today than at last year's end and the South African racial question will always claim independent India's closest attention

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

"Wishing Capetown Conference complete success Insert: with continual Smuts proposals degrading Indians never agree policy involving segregation don't lose heart better times coming India an era of freedom and Free India will protect you with all her strength

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu

"My heart always with you in your struggles and at this crucial especially in your human rights to ensure your security and survival let unity and courage be your watchwords and ideal of freedom be your Talisman."

Seth Govind Das M.L.A

"Your heroic struggle evoke admiration, sympathy and full support"

Seth Ghanasyamdas Birla

"India will be relieves in her own hands soon Then alone she will be able to so ve South African Indian problems. Meanwhile we should fight as best we can."

Kunwar Sir Maharaj Singh

"Segregation as policy always wrong undesirable and unjustifiable and especially at time when co-operation and brotherhood of man and nations are watchwords of day all India sympathises

UNCOMPROMISING ANSWER TO SMUTS

ANSWERED by General Smuts' refusal to abandon the proposed legislation to replace the "Pegging Act and to call a round table conference between the Governments of India and South Africa the South African Indian Congress resolved to mobilise all the resources of the Indian people of South Africa for a "prolonged and consorted resistance.

The Congress unanimously adopted the following resolution "Having heard the report of the deputation that waited on the Prime Minister the S. A. Indian Congress expresses its grievous disappointment at his refusal to abandon the proposed legislation and to convene a round table conference between India and South Africa.

"This conference interprets this refusal in the very negation of the principle of settling human problems by negotiations and mutual discussions and in initiating a legislative design of repression on the Indian community and entitling its late at the altar of political expediency and American fixing it to maintain extreme White supremacies in this country.

The legislation dealing with land tenure and communal franchise to be introduced by the Prime Minister is totally unacceptable and to an insult to the national honour and dignity of the Indian nation.

"This Conference of the South African Indian Congress, having regard to the Prime Minister's refusal resolves to mobilise all the resources of the Indian people in this country in order to take every measure possible to ensure the lapsing of the Pegging Act and to oppose the proposed legislation of the Government by:

(1) Sending a deputation to India,

(2) To urge upon the Government of India the convening of a round table conference between the Governments of India and South Africa

(3) Failing which to request the government of India to withdraw the claim of its High Commissioner in South Africa, and to apply economic sanctions against South Africa;

(4) To carry out a campaign of propaganda in India to ensure the fullest support of India's millinary and

(5) To invite Indian leaders to come to South Africa

(6) Sending deputations to America, Britain and other parts of the world;

(7) Proceeding immediately to prepare the Indian people of South Africa for a prolonged and prolonged resistance, the details of which this Conference instructs its Executive to prepare for submission and assess to its constituent bodies.

The conference also unanimously adopted a resolution "affirming its faith and hope on the principles on which the foundation of the Charter of the United nations is based and sees unrepresentative minority permanently settled in the Union of South Africa claims to human rights to be heard before the General Assembly and the Security Council of United Nations Organisation on the grounds, among others, of a breach of undertaking which assured equal treatment in the Indians on their introduction to this country and a breach of the Cape town Agreement entered into between the governments of India and the Union of South Africa in 1926,

deeply with you to your protest against continued injustice and repression

Dr Rajendra Parsad

"South Africa furnishes anti test for preferential blacks of British Commonwealth and Empire Indians can't accept anything less than full citizenship with common franchise equal rights to trade and even land in segregation upon an unrealised distant date sentiment and shall succeed

Hooseinbhai Laljee

'We anxiously watching developments there India's demand for freedom cannot be delayed and Free India will not tolerate your humiliation mean while earth as I shall be hitting your great nation India will support you"

Hon V. S. S. Sastri

Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri in his latest sends greetings to the Conference.

SOUTH AFRICA AND THE INDIAN

The *Natal Mercury* writes as follows under the above heading THE Indian problem in South Africa will be very much to the forefront during the next few weeks. Not will its resolutions be confined to this country. Already there has been abundant indication of the attitude that will be adopted to India; questions have been asked in the British House of Commons and more are likely to be forthcoming. Indians in Rhodesia and East Africa are taking a hand and it is noteworthy that Mr E. Telfan Smith, the American Consul in Durban held a watching brief at the proceedings of the Indian Congress meetings in Capetown General Smuts's approach to the Immigrants Bill has now been made clear He intervene to demand both the negotiations and negotiation by Indians of properties in European areas, while financing open to them other areas to which them will be no restrictions on their development. Whatever theoretic views may be held outside South Africa as to the justice of this policy anyone with the slightest knowledge of South African affairs knows that no South African Prime Minister could go further and he got to regain to office. European opinion will be cohesive with nothing less such only a small but powerful minority of rich Indians demands anything more.

So far as representations to concerned General Smuts in hands to give the Indians three seats in the House of Assembly and one in the Senate. In addition, provision is to be made for seats in the Provincial Councils and presumably, to the Municipal Councils. A separate electoral roll is to be created, and to begin with, Europeans will be elected to represent the Indian interests. The South African Indian Congress, as was expected is up to arms at these proposals. It regards what it calls "segregation" as a slur on the Indian community, and unceremoniously rejects the franchise offered, even though separate rule for minorities are an integral part of every proposal that has been put forward for a constitution for India itself. All sorts of threats are being made. India talks of recalling the Indian High Commissioner, much imposing economic sanctions, while there are also hints of preaching in the nature of a civil disobedience campaign in Natal. This attitude so far from frightening Europeans into further concessions, will only make them more reluctant to grant any concessions at all. Indians in South Africa have everything to lose and nothing to gain by a display of intransigence at this juncture.

Nor will appeals to countries outside the Union serve any useful purpose. The problem is one that has to be settled within South Africa itself General Smuts has fully rejected the proposal for a Round Table Conference between the Governments of India and South Africa. He was wise to do so, for South Africa would not in a moment tolerate outside interference with whatever fairly regards as purely domestic matter She would certainly remain any pressure that Britain or America might be tempted to bring to bear During the next few months the Indian in South Africa has to choose for himself. While he is certainly not getting everything he wants, he is being given a chance to prove himself to be a worthy South African citizen capable of playing a growing part in the Parliamentary deliberations of the country Nothing is lost in the world and the centre of real progress is gradualness. Probably General Smuts hopes for no more than to introduce legislation which will take over the difficulties of the next ten years so, should the Indians reject his proposals out of hand they will have only themselves to blame if they find that they have brought about a revulsion of feeling in South Africa, causing them to be regarded as complete outcasts rather than as an important minority worthy of consideration on the path to progress.

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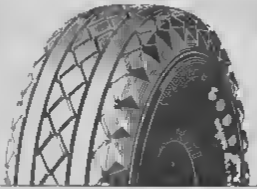
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SAPA-REUTER NEWS

Congress Welcomes All-Party Government

Karachi Tuesday

Dr Maulana Abul Kalam Azad president of the Indian National Congress, said at a press conference that the Congress Party would welcome the formation of an All-Party Government in the Sind Province in North West India on a purely provincial basis. Congress was prepared to offer parity to the Moslem League with the Sind coalition (of which the Congress Party is the most important element) in such an All Party Government. Dr Azad made it clear that the offer of parity had no implication of an all India policy for Congress. He was in the office to the Sind Moslem League spokesman he said Reuter adds A coalition of the Congress Party Nationalist Moslems and the Hyed group (the Progressive Moslem Party) has been formed in the Sind Assembly consisting 30 out of the 60 seats.

I N A Men Still In Jail

New Delhi Thursday

About 19 500 members of the Japanese-sponsored Indian National Army are now in custody, Mr Dhirk Moore Secretary to the War Department of the Government of India, told the Council Legislative Assembly today He added that 27 had died in custody since had been hanged and two were dead from self-inflicted wounds. Twenty seven had been condemned by court martials in various sentences ranging from death and transportation for life to cashiering and forfeiture of pay and allowances.

Hunger Strike By R.I.A.F.s

Bombay, Thursday

The authorities here started an investigation into the hunger strike by about 500 Indian airmen refusing mess officers, at a camp near here. It was learned today The men who are said to be protesting against certain action of the British camp commandant, are remaining in camp. The commandant is reported to have ordered some Royal Indian Air Force men who were in the camp in civilian clothes, to get into uniform or leave the mess The men took exception to this order replying that British other ranks in the R.I.A. were allowed to wear civilian clothes. The camp commandant, it is stated then ordered an Indian officer to place under close arrest all the men who refused to obey his order

Strike Called Off

Bombay, Saturday

The strike of 500 Royal Indian Air Force men at a camp near Bombay was called off today after negotiations had opened between the strikers and the authorities Air Commodore F D Craigcroft, officer commanding the Bombay base area, addressed the men and assured them their grievances regarding food would be investigated if they reported for duty Later the men trooped in to lunch The strike had lasted four days.

Decision To Overthrow Government

Karachi Friday

The Sind Assembly coalition party, formed of Congress Party members, Nationalist Moslems and the Hyed party (Progressive Moslem League Party), decided at a meeting tonight to overthrow Sind's newly formed ministry at the earliest opportunity The meeting demanded the resign of Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah, leader of the Moslem League Party, to form a new ministry as an unconstitutional and unjustifiable.

N.I Congress' Request Ignored By Indian Govt

London Friday

The petition of Indians in South Africa has not, as requested by the Natal Indian Congress, been referred to the full cabinet, announced by the Indian Government leader London representative learned tonight. It is not likely to be considered, although members of the community have been privately entertained by Indians from South Africa since the situation in the Union.

The general committee, at its meeting to-day decided that it had more than sufficient time to consider the matter at the present time. The Indian delegation, headed by Sir Kumaraswamy Mudliar has ventured no instructions from India. The fact that the Indian govt. has not referred the matter to UNO as requested from natal after a fortnight's cable seems to indicate that it will NOT be considered as only a few days are left for discussion of the already crowded agenda before passing onto

In Congress Quota

In India 1925

Vol. [illegible] A Christopher the deputy rule of the deputation... also took part in the Passive Resistance struggle under Mahatma Gandhi. He is also a past president of the S. A. Indian Congress He was in the first Great War D.C.M; and was twice mentioned in dispatches. As an official of the South African Soccer and Cricket Association he will endeavour to arrange for an all India soccer and cricket eleven to visit South Africa. He is an Acting Editor of "Indian Opinion"

Mr. S. B. Naidoo is a past secretary of the S. A. Indian Congress He was a member of the Indian Colonization Enquiry Committee and also a member of the Pretoria Committee

Mr A A Mirza was a member of the last delegation to India.

Mr A. S. Kajee is an official of the Natal Muslim Council.

There are very brief notes on the members of the deputation.

The Indian Situation

By "A South African" in the Of Race Relations

INDIANS AS S.A. NATIONALS

THE Council recognises that the Indian community is an integral part of the populations of the Union.

RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

It therefore feels that adequate residential facilities, including all recognised amenities ought to be provided at an early date, for this section of the population and urges that further efforts be made to arrive at agreement in the matter

POLITICAL REPRESENTATION

The Council is of the opinion that elective representation municipal, provincial, and parliamentary, should as soon as possible be granted, and urges the Government to take immediate steps in this end.

NEW LEGISLATION:

The Council instructs the Executive Committee to consider the Bill which will shortly come before Parliament and to invite members of the Institute to submit considered opinions in writing to the General Purposes Committee.

RACIAL ANTAGONISMS

The Council instructs the Executive Committee to explore ways and means whereby the existing racial antagonisms between Europeans and Indians in Natal may be minimized by action on both sides

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PRESS COMMENTS

THE INDIAN PROBLEM

Writing editorially in its issue of February 13, the *Cape Times* makes the following comment under the above heading —

THE reaction of the South African Indian Congress to the Prime Minister's rejection of its representations on the proposed Asiatic legislation has been strong, but not more so than is warranted by the gravity and importance of the issues involved. The responsible and dignified tone of the discussions suggests indeed that, despite the means of the more extreme section in Natal the influence of the moderates is still strong within the Congress as a whole. The undoubtedly sharp terms in which the resolution was framed at the July meeting of Europeans in Natal may be taken much as a reflection of the extremity to which the Congress feels itself driven in its fight for reasonably human rights than of an attitude of general irreconcilable obduracy.

The Congress unfortunately has not improved matters by its decision to send deputations overseas. It is the constant recourse of South Africa that what is regrettable if not actually newsworthy may be something ironic in the fact that a nonwhite South African minority may be the first to rise against General Smuts in the very instrument and machinery which he was largely responsible in designing. But we doubt if the attempt will materialise anything of practical value. The failure of UNO will be thrown up with aggrieved and disconsolate admonition such as, to plead their cause before the world, but UNO is concerned with international causes, not with the domestic affairs of its members.

On the other hand, General Smuts rightly rejected the suggestion of a round-table conference with India, between South Africa has denied that the future of South African Indians is a domestic matter which must be settled without the intrusion of another government. But that is not to say that every person with any sense of justice must not feel deepest sympathy with the unfortunate plight of the Indians. We would be happier if both parties to this issue were citizens of this country. But no unanimated unworthy possessing no summa to public affairs, even in those concerning themselves, cannot be united in terms. It is understandable therefore that they should look for support wherever they can get it, and one who) means they can to make their views known. But need they look beyond the boundaries of South Africa? Despite the precedent that has clouded this issue, we do not believe so. It would indeed be a serious reproach to this country if it were to be recorded that all means to find an agreed settlement have already been exhausted on that this projected legislation represents, in its land tenure provisions the final expression of South Africa's political ingenuity. We do not believe it does, in that all means have yet been exhausted to find a solution. Compromise is the essence of statesmanship, and even now a compromise solution need not be ruled out.

Although a round-table discussion with the Indian Government has rightly been rejected, that does not preclude a domestic round-table discussion. General Smuts has heard many representations from innumerable deputations to the last. Amnesia. But no attempt has yet been made to bring all the parties together to discuss every aspect of the matter and try to find an acceptable settlement. We see no reason why that should not be done. The Indians apparently are opposed less to the principle than to the method of applying the land tenure restrictions. No responsible section of the Indians is in favour of penetration of predominantly European residential areas. They recognise that residential juxtaposition is undesirable, and they would probably willingly accept separate residential areas, so-called "open areas, where European and Asiatic live if they prefer to. That would carry no stigma of racial segregation. But there can be little or no justification for extending tenure restrictions to rural areas. There is no grave threat there.

We would earnestly urge the Government, therefore, to consider seriously the possibility of convening a general conference of all the parties concerned in an effort to find an acceptable compromise. Nothing can be lost by it. If a round-table for discussion were necessary, then we suggest it might well be the Residential Property Regulation Ordinance if, for instance, the Indians were to modify their attitude so far as residential juxtaposition were concerned, and a concession were made by return by the Government regarding restrictions on rural tenure some return might be made in the spirit of the Pretoria Agreement that would provide an excellent [illegible] that could [illegible] granted [illegible] With such issues [illegible] effort is worth making.

THE INDIAN ISSUE

The *Eastern Province Herald* makes the following editorial comment in its issue of February 13.—

IN its interim report, issued a fortnight ago, the Commission of Enquiry into Trading Rights in Natal, appointed by Mr Justice Broome, appealed to continue inquiry to be matters affecting the Indian population of Natal. It wrote "The hopes of 1943 (of a mutual, negotiated settlement) have been falsified. The Indian members have resigned from the Commission, the Indian case, recently has boycotted it, and the present atmosphere of mutual distrust and exasperation has arisen. It seems obvious that a solution must now be sought on different lines. A new start must be made. The Commission takes a serious view of the present attitude of Indian politicians in India, and that attitude of unreasoning encouragement, South African Indians will continue to put forward demands which are so uncompromising that all hope of negotiation is out of the question."

Here together with the fact that since this was written the Natal Indian Congress has been "mobilised" by intractable extremists, we have the cardinal reason why the Prime Minister has given notice of his intention forthwith to proceed with legislation designed finally to regulate the question of land tenure in Natal as it applies to Asiatics and to enfranchise Indians in the Natal Provincial as the basis of a communal franchise. More, too, we have the signal reason why the Prime Minister was an emphatic in his attempt to get Indian Congress delegation that, while the Union Government would welcome representations from the Government of India "the sovereign status of South Africa demanded that this Indian problem be treated as a domestic affair without the intrusion of any outside parties. Incidentally, the latter pronouncement embodies a homely and salutary lesson in the sovereignty of others, which might be [illegible] on specially put into [illegible] of the Indian leaders [illegible] India and here in the Union.

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Door to Liberty

The Natal Witness reports early this week a speech delivered that day in the Indian Parliament by the Government Minister in charge of Indian affairs, Mr. Patel, in which he made it clear that the Government was not going to take the place of the Pegging Act provision we still have on the statute book, but was making some amendments to obtain. As Mrs. Margaret Ballinger M.P. pointed out in her restrained and statesmanlike address at the opening of the Natal Provincial Indian Congress Conference in Durban Town last week there are both new houses on the political and social road. While condemning segregation as being morally and politically unsound, especially at this time, and while holding no brief for Government representation Mrs. Ballinger very wisely pointed out that it was better to have a political ceiling above the road to universal freedom than to have anywhere in view all.

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[illegible] would be well advised to take note of these wise words spoken by a sincere and genuine friend. The leaders of the Indian community moreover would be wise to accept the advice of the High Commissioner Mr H. M. Sastriaah, to adopt a firm but moderate tone in their fight for freedom. Extremism will do their cause more harm than good and alienate the sympathy of people who might otherwise be disposed to support them in their struggle.

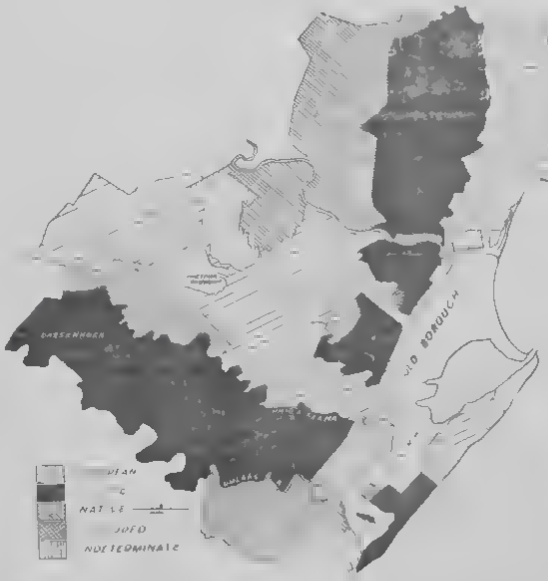
Municipal Franchise For Indians Likely

If the Government's proposals to extend the franchise in Transvaal and Natal Indians become law, says the *Rand Daily Mail* the municipal franchise will follow almost automatically.

"The Bill, it is understood, will provide for the franchise on a communal basis, and for the [illegible] by the Indians of Euro[illegible]

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DELIMITATION BASES



By Courtesy "Natal Mercury."

PROPOSED CONTROLLED AND UNCONTROLLED AREAS

THE Union's proposed new Asiatic Bill will probably be published in the first week in March. It is hoped that plans now being prepared showing controlled and uncontrolled areas in Natal will be available by then.

This information was given to the *Natal Mercury* by senator C. F. Clarkson, Minister of the Interior, who arrived in Durban on Monday by air from Capetown. The purpose of his visit is to clarify the areas in the city to be defined under the new legislation.

The Minister said in an interview that European areas and exempted areas had already been decided upon and he was sure that details of the scheme were worked out in principle [illegible]

The general principles at present envisaged are that Indians would not be able to buy in European areas, but in individual cases a permit could be applied for from the board that was to be set up. In exempted areas property could be purchased by anybody without restriction. When the Bill was passed certain exempted areas would become available and further such areas would be set aside when Parliament approved of them.

Mr Clarkson recalled that as far as Natal was concerned [illegible] January 31 until the new legislation was passed no Indian could acquire further land anywhere. The intention of the Bill was to provide open or exempted areas where Indians or Europeans could buy and sell without permission, but in the meanwhile of the Province the position remained stabilised.

Mr Clarkson said he was unable to divulge any further details of the proposed legislation.

It is understood that areas of controlled and exempted areas in Durban have been prepared by Colonel Wallin, [illegible] member of the Natal Housing Board and the Minister will examine these before he returns to Capetown. The maps will be laid on the table of the House of Assembly with the Bill.

Senator Clarkson was met at the aerodrome by the Administrator of Natal, Mr. D. C. Mitchell and Senator C. F. Shepstone. Colonel Wallin also joined the party in lunch. Afterwards the Minister had a consultation with the Administrator on the delimitation of areas.

Further details of the proposed Bill are explained by the Government to Councillor A. L. Binns, Deputy Mayor of Durban, were given to the *Natal Mercury*. Mr. Binns led a deputation from the Natal Municipal Association which had interviews with the Prime Minister, the Minister of the Interior and Government officials.

It was explained, said Mr. Binns, that Municipal areas would be subject to the control of a board consisting of five persons of whom two may be Asiatics." The chairman who would be designated by the Minister, must be a man with at least ten years experience of the Supreme Court in the [illegible] by the Minister [illegible]

lore a permit was granted by the Minister of the Interior and the same would apply to Europeans wishing to buy from Indians in these areas.

Under these schemes, in Mr Bara's opinion, Europeans were entrenched on more than they were under the Pegging Act except that a board of investigation was now to be set up The way was still left open for the acquisition and occupation of property in European areas by Indians.

Uncontrolled areas were to be cut out in a schedule in the Bill, and the same under of the Province would not necessarily consist of controlled areas which would fall under the jurisdiction of the Board Anti Asiatic clauses in respect of properties in uncontrolled areas would be found invalid

Although it was not compelled to do so under the Bill to proclaim the Board would have all purely European areas. It would be extremely difficult to add to the uncontrolled areas after they had been defined as the approval of both Houses of Parliament would be necessary

The proposed Bill did not provide for any exclusively European or exclusively Asiatic areas, he added. He understood that to begin with the uncontrolled areas would be over wholesingly Indian localities.

The Administrator informed the *Natal Mercury* that he had no statement to make regarding his meeting with Senator Clarkson.

HINTS ABOUT NEW MEASURE.

The Capetown published correspondent of the *Natal Mercury* states that the two Asiatic Bills which the Union Government are to present to Parliament shortly have now been considerably toned down since Originally these was one Bill to deal with restrictions upon the occupation and acquisition of property and another to confer a communal franchise, under certain qualifications, upon the Asiatics of Natal and the Transvaal.

Last week the representatives of the Durban City Council met Senator C. F Clarkson, Minister of the Interior, who gave them a resume of the main contents of the Bill

There is reason to believe that the delegates expressed satisfaction after the discussions with Senator Clarkson

The outstanding point at the moment is the delimitation of closed and exempted areas in Durban Plans have been drawn of the areas in question.

The control over the two types of area in the Bill—European and Asiatic—will be rigorous.

The operations of companies—including those registered overseas—will be most carefully watched and full disclosures of the personnel operating companies who begin to undertake transactions in any area other than exempted areas will be required. The predominance of either race in a company will be the deciding factor as to whether the property transaction under consideration would be calculated to be aimed at a transfer in the race prohibited from acquiring or occupying property in the area in which the particular property lies

Exempted areas will of course, be open to transactions by all and sundry, but to make this effective say existing anti-Asiatic clauses in title deeds will have to be declared null and void.

As far as the franchise is concerned it is considered unofficially that on actuarial standards based upon the "leading" qualifications, only about 30,000 Indians will become eligible for the vote out of the 180,000 in the whole of Natal.

It is not yet known whether it is the Government's intention to confer the franchise upon Indian women. Native women do not enjoy the franchise under the Representation of Natives Act. Even if the Government did take such a step it is not likely to have much effect upon the total electoral strength of the Asiatics on the qualifications would debar most Indian women

News in Brief

U.P Members And The New Bill

There are signs already that the Government will have to face hostile criticism from within its own ranks when the two Indian Bills are presented to Parliament. Some Transvaal members particularly are uneasy over the proposal to create exempted areas in that province where property transactions may be effected without a Ministerial permit. At present such inspection are rigorously controlled. The Parliamentary Opposition have already made their position clear through their Press organs—manifesting opposition to the enfranchisement of the communal franchise to the Indians.

Measure Again Discussed

The United Party parliamentary caucus again discussed the proposed Asiatic legislation. While primary opposition was evinced round towards acceptance of the measure there are several who hold reservations, but it was expected that these will be smoothed out before long

Skeptisism Mayor Meets General Smuts

During his recent visit to Capetown the Mayor of Port Shepstone, Mr A E Clarance, was summoned by General Smuts for a long, confidential discussion of the Indian question—and the proposed Indian legislation Mr Clarance in an interview expressed the view that the 75 year old leader was shouldering an enormous burden of responsibility and that it "behoves intelligent members of the Indian and European sections of the community to do all in their power to assist him in the granite dimsions in that ity

Durban And Newcastle Agree

The Durban Wards Committee has addressed a letter to the Newcastle town council announcing its attitude regarding Indian penetration in the rural and urban areas of Natal The Council at its last meeting resolved that the Town Clerk communicate with the Durban Wards Committee, stating that the Council concurs in itself with the committee's sentiments.

Opposed To Giving Indians Franchise

The Newcastle and District Workingmen's Association at its annual general meeting held on Friday last, decided to send a resolution to the Government opposing any legislation giving the franchise to Indians in Natal, either by group representation or otherwise.

Natal Administrator Going To Capetown

The Administrator of Natal Mr D E Mitchell has been summoned to Capetown by the Prime Minister General Smuts He will leave for Capetown by train on Saturday It is understood that his visit is connected with the Indian question

Minister Asked To Give Terms Of Bill

A deputation from the Durban Joint Wards Committee met Mr Clarkson and asked him, if possible, to indicate the tenor of the proposed Bill

High Commissioners Meets Premier

Mr R. M Deshmukh Indian High Commissioner to the Union visited General Smuts the Prime Minister There was no significance in his visit. Mr Deshmukh has met General Smuts a week ago. He Evelyn During the British High Commissioner saw General Smuts also.

Mr Manilal Gandhi Meets Dr Khare

Mr Manilal Gandhi who met present in India with his father Mahatma Gandhi, met Dr Khare the Commonwealth Relations Member Overseas Department, and made a statement on the proposed S A. Indian legislation.

Immigrants To Union

The Minister of the Interior replying to a question in the House of Assembly said a total of 535 Indians women and children had entered the Union in the past year for permanent residence No information was available about Indians who might immigrate the more permanently The intermingled Indian populations of the four provinces were Cape 13,000 Natal 207,000 Transvaal 31 000 and O F S four

Indian Trading Licences

During 1945 7 5 3 trading licences were issued to Indians in Natal. In the Transvaal the figure was 6 646 and in the Cape, 3 257 None was issued in the Free State These figures were given in the House of Assembly by the Minister of the Interior Senator Clarkson in reply to a question by Mr M C du Wat Nel (in P Weudelboum). Asked to state the number of commercial businesses conducted by Indians in each of the Provinces the Minister said it was not clear what was meant by commercial business, but if Mr Nel was referring to general dealers businesses the figures were Cape, 1 558 Natal, 2 436 Transvaal, 3 189 and Free State nil. Information about the value of immovable property owned by Indians in each of the Provinces was not available. Information about immovable property which passed into the possession of Indians from January 1 1945 to January 30, 1946 would be at Mr Nel's disposal if he called at the office of the Secretary for the Interior

Professional Boxing

To-morrow Saturday at the City Hall Durban at 4.5 p.m. there will be a non-European Boxing Tournament Young Hussain (Natal) vs. Albert Nkosi (Transvaal); P M. Pillay vs. Michael Swala plus three other bouts. All patrons can be assured of a good evening sport. If Is J R Pandey's first pause time production

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By PROF ANANTH GOPAL SEN in "The Modern Review"

(Continued from last week)

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If capital is power as is well known western authorities, Rabi Manuli

"The masses, the world over do not have to seize power as it is by their toil that the wheels go round and the earth brings forth. This is their power their strength lies in their realization of it. With the withdrawal of it co-operation the whole machinery of the social system comes to famine and the power of political bureaucracy eventually under pressure of the moral force of public opinion. No general strike an existing was necessary on the part of the British working classes in 1920 to break the Government's intention of intervention against the revolutionaries in Soviet Russia the Government was defeated by the great weight of opinion of the common people who poured out into the public squares and into meeting places in mass protest. The shameful Hoare-Laval pact during the Abyssinian war was similarly defeated by the great weight of popular opinion against it. The power of moral force has not yet been fully tried out, though in India can all frail man has demonstrated its potentialities as the only Christians demonstrated the potentialities of co-operative living according to the law of love.

So, we have only to use hearts and brains we are simply to withdraw our co-operation by operation But the question will arise—How can we arouse these feelings in the minds of the masses now? The Agents of the Imperialists and exploiters are standing on the way But whose will they oppose; and for what offence? Nobody is conspiring a bloody revolution to overthrow the exploiters. What we are expected to do is to organize and improve agriculture village crafts and to institute primary education and health of the villagers in a free spirit of service and non violence without greed without rancour Where is the crime? It means this is considered a crime, then how many people will they imprison without real offence and without trial? A few years back it was dangerous to utter the word Swaraj It is now on everybody's lips in every line of the newspapers. It may be still intolerable for a subject to utter But how many months will they gag? And how many pens will they muzzle? They are multiplying in multitude and outnumbering not only the police Where there is no room to walk on the pavement, where one crime in ten to one side there Truth must slowly but surely establish its own victory in its own inscrutable way

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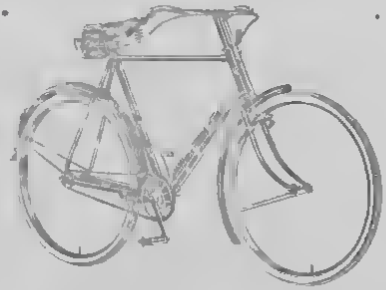
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DURBAN INDIANS PROTEST

AGAINST LAND TENURE BILL

A RE-ELECTION of the Natal Indian Congress and a demonstration of Indian unity and rights in South Africa were the two main features of a week-end meeting of Durban Indians gathered in their thousands in front of Naicker, president of the Natal Indian Congress and Dr. Goonam Mica-president, addressed the Natal Indian Congress meeting, called to protest against the Land Tenure Bill.

Dr. Goonam said he denied the Europeans in South Africa had any monopoly on freedom and democracy. They simply acted in the name of the people, some of whom were culturally and politically [illegible] and Dr. Goonam.

Dr. Goonam said he protested against the Europeans trying to interfere in the internal affairs of India. He said that the investment of British capital in India was only a small part of the total investment of capital in India and that the greater part belonged to local Indian capitalists. They also had a stake in India and they were not going to allow the British Government to sell India down the river.

Dr. Goonam said that the Indians had been employed in South African industries and that they had helped to build South African industries and that they had helped to build South African industries and that they had helped to build

WOMAN SPEAKER UPHOLDS INDIANS' CAUSE

ADDRESSING the Summer School for Women at Umkomaas, Miss Mabel Palmer said that although the Indians and Natives had a right in share in the government of South Africa they would not be best achieved by sweeping away all distinctions at once.

Indian immunity adult suffrage would not work in a community divided by strong racial distinction.

"The Indians are in Natal to stay," she said. "We brought them here for our own use and I think we have got to put up with them."

She declared that the Indians were civilized and entitled to the same rights as other human beings. "We in South Africa cannot forever insist on the racial superiority of one section of the community as opposed to any other."

Outlining the origin of the Indian immigration into Natal, Mrs. Palmer said the Government must admit here because that under the conditions of immigration there was bound to be a permanent Indian community in Natal. They were so eager to obtain cheap labour for the sugar industry that they welcomed the Indians. Later there came clashes over unrestricted immigration and they were eventually dissatisfied.

The Government and unemployment to help the Indians attain a higher standard of living. The Indians felt they had inadequate opportunities for professional study in Natal, paid the same rates but were not entitled to any municipal facilities. This was partly the cause of the Capetown Agreement of 1926, Mrs. Palmer maintained.

The other reason for failure to reduce the number of Indians in Natal was that as immigration movement soon reduced the population of a country. The Indian community was increasing at the same rate as the European and would progress and develop in the same way. The Union had made no provision for this.

She believed that Indian penetration to Durban was due to the fact that there were no decent houses in the Indian districts. Such movements of population from one quarter to another were inevitable in any town. The Indians came in South Africa to stay and the proposed Indian Bill was an illegal conclusion that they would be a permanent community. She thought that the only solution in the problem was to keep the culture of the different races separate without resorting to any racial discrimination. As it was, we were injuring South Africa's name in international circles. Here was the opportunity of solving a problem in miniature which the world would have to deal with in the next hundred years. The Union and not even began to solve it.

PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS BY INDIANS IN NATAL

AN increase in fixed property transferred to Indians in the rural areas of Natal in the past three years is reflected in the annual report of the Registrar of Deeds at Maritzburg, which was tabled in the House of Assembly by the Minister of Lands (Senator A. H. Conroy). In the urban areas, the figures show a marked decrease in such transfers.

In 1942 a total of 1,943 acres, in rural areas, valued at £30,728, were transferred by Europeans and others to Indians, compared with 6,600 acres valued at £37,765 in 1944 and 6,825 acres valued at £45,701 in 1943.

In urban areas 840 acres valued at £309,717 were transferred to Indians from Europeans and others in 1945 compared with 5,556 acres valued at £363,514 in 1944 and 4,248 acres, valued at £650,374 in 1943.

There is little fluctuations in the figures of properties transferred from Indians to Indians but the figures of transfers from Indians to Europeans show a marked decrease in both urban and rural areas.

Last year 346 acres in rural areas, valued at £5,851, were transferred from Indians to Europeans and others, compared with 517 acres, valued at £7,305 in 1944 and 1,348 acres, valued at £16,185 in 1943.

For urban areas the figures are 142 acres, valued at £64,699, in 1945, 230 acres valued at £89,855, in 1944 and 880 acres, valued at £73,685 in 1943.

The figures for properties transferred from Indians to Indians are as follows:

Urban areas—3,573 acres, valued at £1,169,886, in 1945, 4,323 acres, valued at £1,224,409, in 1944 and 3,230 acres, valued at £1,181,842 in 1943; rural areas—3,731 acres, valued at £104,567, in 1944 and 5,783 acres valued at £52,555 in 1943.

South African News In Brief

Bill To Be Presented To Parliament Next Week

Final preliminary talks on the Government's proposed Asiatic legislation were held in Capetown on Monday between General Smuts, Senator C. F. Clarkson, Minister of the Interior, the Administrator of Natal Mr. D. E. Mitchell, and the Administrator of the Transvaal General J. J. Pienaar. Dr. L. O. Sleyn, Government Law Adviser and Mr. J. H. Deacon, Union Commissioner for Immigration and Asiatic Affairs, were also present. The Bill will be presented to Parliament in the first week in March and on its following day a White Paper carrying plans of the Indianisation of Europeans, Asiatic and associated areas in Durban will be published. There is growing criticism of the almost unanimous acceptance of the Bill by all members of the Cabinet.

The Burgos' And Indians

The Burgos says that if the Indians in South Africa wish to be regarded as a permanent element of our population they must conduct themselves toward India, remembering the status of our country as a sovereign independent State which will brook no intrusions in its affairs and will not tolerate the approach by nations of its population to other countries. If on the contrary, they persevere to be considered strangers within our boundaries, then the warmest agitation and threats of resistance mounted to pure Dominion be none there could be no talk of rights. Through the action of the South African Indian Congress in resolving to call for worldwide assistance they had sacrificed their right to be considered as a group permanently settled in the Union.

Why U.S. Council Went S.A.I. Conference

Mr. E. Talbot Smith American Consul in Durban has written to the *Daily News* explaining the circumstances of his visit to Capetown during the South African Indian Congress conferences on the proposed Land Tenure Bill. His letter reads: "There has been much general misunderstanding both on the part of the Indian community regarding my visit to Cape Town, February 6-12, that I believe it only fair to all parties to explain my position. "About 10 days before the opening of the South African Indian Congress Conference I wrote to General Thomas Holoumb the American Minister and asked him in his kind enough to have someone in his office, prior to that date, read to me some excerpts of his report so that I could be guided in what I should say at the Conference which of course is confidential. I have been reporting routinely for several years. The American Consulate at present has only one officer under the Minister and during Parliamentary session the Minister goes to Cape Town. Consequently I am tied down to long sessions in Washington and in fact Wendell Willkie knows I was!

Racial Zoning Of Durban's Beaches

The suggested racial zoning of Durban beaches and parks by Councillor K. J. Clarke came before the Works Committee of the City Council last week. The committee decided to refer the matter to its legal adviser to ascertain the Council's powers to deal with the question.

Daily News Comment

The *Daily News* writes as follows —

"Apart from the preservation of the amenities of Durban as to be admired, but more Councillor K. J. Clarke was carrying it a little far in suggesting that the beaches and parks should be divided into racial areas. In asking the Works Committee to investigate the feasibility of the proposal Mr. Clarke emphasised that the amphitheatre and the environs have become a popular rendezvous and pleasure spot for Indians as a whole. Such is the "isolated sense" it was noticed that Indians "in Natal or passed along the beach front in the European area." Perhaps Mr. Clarke overlooked the fact that many of the Indians are also ratepayers and they want have the perfect right to enter the amphitheatre as well along the beach. It is regrettable that in an issue where there is already sufficient sensitiveness of racial intensity there should even be a suspicion of looking for points of irritation. To call attention at the beach to "isolated sense" is to make one conscious of the word. Again however rises a point of more wide importance which cannot be overlooked: how to prevent them into danger of irritation in case one group and most of it is nearly always put because of Indians to certain beaches of a lack of sufficient facilities? go round. The need of Durban's beach is not for zones so much as for ample provision of water lines, shelter and public."

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INDIA LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Bombay January 17

TWO measures of great importance to the agriculturist were tackled by the Bombay Government during the week in its review after formal consultation with the Rural Development Board. This is a body created by the Government to consolidate and to obtain non-official advice on legislation as set forth during an address given by the Governor of India at the opening of the Congress Ministry. At the Board's last meeting the Government presented in the form of a Bill a measure aiming at limited consolidation of holdings.

As early as in 1927 the then Ministry under the Montford Reforms brought a bill having two parts, the first one preventing the fragmentation of land and the second one consolidating the small holdings. The fragmentation of land involved the question of habitation and owing to local opposition this was not proceeded with. The Government have now revived the second portion of the Bill entirely to the consolidation of holdings. The object is to facilitate agriculture. One peasant having bits of land in different areas is unable to invest full attention in any of them. Likewise he also. The measure prides on completion helps him to possess land at one particular spot and exchange his other land with neighbours. Government also contemplates to give reasonable compensation for any losses of the peasant in the process. The bill was adopted by the Rural Development Board and may become the law of the land soon by an Ordinance to be issued by the Governor. The Bombay Government have engaged a Special Officer to work on this scheme.

As a measure of great importance as well is the Rural Development Board to the establishment of Licensing Warehouses in rural areas. The Reserve Bank have recommended that warehouse should be constructed in the districts so that the peasant might derive benefit and get advances at low interest against his produce placed in the warehouse. The measure aims at issuing certificates to the peasants who place their produce in the warehouses. All these licenses are negotiable. The produce will be stocked in the warehouse and will be sold according to the convenience of the peasant when he gets better prices.

The Bombay markets and financial circles have been thrown in a vortex of confusion by the two Ordinances issued by the Government of India, one following the other in quick succession, the first one making the Banks to submit a statement of the possession of 100, 1,000 and 10,000-rupee notes and the second demonetising 500-rupee notes and above. Various interpretations have been put by bankers of commercial community and bankers on these orders. Before the war on 1st September 1939 total notes in circulation and those held by the Banking Department which means total notes issued amounted to Rs 207 19 crores. Total notes issued on January 4 1946 were Rs. 1,228 81 crores, an increase of roughly Rs. 1,000 crores over the previous figures on 5 10, 100, 1,000 10 000 rupee notes. On 1st September 1939 before the outbreak of the war the 5 rupee notes amounted to Rs. 45 63 crores, 10 rupees notes Rs. 96.39 crores, 100 rupees notes Rs. 73 37 crores, 1,000 Rs. 13 7s crores On 31st Dec. 1945, 5 rupee notes amount in Rs. 142 85 crores 10 rupee notes Rs. 302 93 crores, 100 rupee notes 201 04 crores, 1 000 rupee notes Rs. 90 69 crores. The total number of 10 000-rupee notes at the end of 1944 was to 106 93 crores. No details are available of the notes in circulation in each category at the end of 1945 but as stated earlier total notes issued, according to the latest returns on January 4 1946 were Rs. 1,228.80 crores.

Most of these notes issued by the Government have been hoarded by the blackmarketeers who made enormous money during the war in the black markets. There are no two opinions among the bankers about the wholesomeness of the measure taken by the Government. Governments of every nation U.S. Great Britain Belgium France Australia Canada and others, have taken drastic steps to fight blackmarketeers and profiteers.

No doubt the Government of India have devised their legislation from the British Government who withdrew notes of £10 and more and the Chancellor of the Exchequer did it in a systematic manner so as not to create any panicky atmosphere. The general complaint here is that the Government of India measure consists of sentimental attitude in the matter of the notes in they are issued and cancelled daily.

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January 28.

The outstanding event of the week in the country is the Congress victory over the Muslim League both in the Central Assembly and the Assam and Sind Provinces. The Congress succeeded in lowering the Muslim flag which Mr Jinnah tried to fly aloft by celebration Victory Day.

In the Central Legislature the Muslim League set up a rival candidate to Sir Cowasji Jehangir against the Congress nominee Mr G V Mavalankar for the Assembly Presidential Gadi. Before leaving for New Delhi Sir Cowasji was telling all his friends in Bombay the writer that his commitments in Bombay were so great that he could never think of accepting the Assembly presidentship. Soon it unanimously elected as he could afford to stay away from Bombay Sir Cowasji Jehangir is one of the millionaire mill owners in Bombay and has got a vast business interest here. Even the best of his friends could not explain how Sir Cowasji Jehangir allowed himself to fall a victim to the nobody alliance between the Muslim League and the Government of India.

It should be remembered that Sir Edward Benthal, the spokesman of the Government of India is one such enemy of the Congress. His intimities during the Round Table Conferences days enabled him to find out that he is real "Colonel Blimp, a typical Tory who fully believes in the policy of divide and rule and has cautioned capitulation of India. He is the main force behind the Cripps Mission. A great race history as he is, he believes in making alliances with the Muslim League in order to defeat the Congress. As long as he continues as the spokesman of the Government of India there will be misery afloat on his part to defeat the Congress policies he is pulled up by the powers above.

There is absolutely no substance in the plea put forward by Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan, Deputy Leader of the Muslim League Party that the Muslims were championing the cause of other minorities. If that were so, they should have demonstrated their good-will towards other minorities in the last Assembly when they put up the candidature Sir Abdur Rashid against the late Mr Neogy, a Congress Hindu. He clearly it is not a case of alliance but it is a case of blackmail vis. vis Muslims. It is an attempt to belittle the importance of Jinnah as such and Sir Edward Benthal made no open alliance with the Muslim League out of sheer hatred towards the Congress. He was only animating against the current, the strength of which he did not understand. The result of the election must have proved no eyesopener to him as well as Mr Jinnah.

The second blow came to Mr Jinnah and the reactionary British elements in the Government of India from Assam. The latest thought that the Congress would not secure a majority in view of the vast special and labour interests in Assam. Hence with a view to demonstrating the Congress position, Assam was lined up the first province to go to the polls. Assam came third, N.W.F. and the Punjab where it was thought League would be able to secure victories over the Congress. In spite of heavy odds due to the 144 measures and the ban on processions, the Congress was able to sweep the polls. In the Labour constituencies Congressmen found stiff opposition from Communists who had arrived Islamabad now with the Government and attended these many a support during the war. The verdict of the Assam election clearly reveals the thirst for freedom on the part of the masses who have evidently come to the conclusion that independence of India alone could deliver them from the present economic and social evils.

The results of the third election in Sind announced today show that Sind is not in favour of Pakistan. The Muslim population which is in a majority has given its verdict in not supporting the Sind Muslim League. While the Congress has captured all the twenty two non-Muslim seats the Azad Muslims (Nationalist Muslims) and the Sind Group are expected between them to capture more than 15 seats. Coalition between the above and the Congress seems keep the League out in all cases. This is the third surprise for Mr Jinnah and the British reactionaries.

I understand that the Congress High Command has practically given permission to the Sind Congressmen to enter into coalition with the non-Muslim Leaguers and bring about non-League coalition Ministry in Sind.

Bombay city passed through many trials during the last three days. Chaos and confusion ruled in certain parts of the city where the police frequently opened fire in an attempt to restore order. The clash between the police and the public arose from the attempts made by the Subash Chandra Bose Jayanti Celebrations Committee to march a procession in forbidden areas. This Committee, it should be remembered has been acting independently of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee. Violation of Government orders is not the programme of the Congress now It is Celebra-

Bee Committee declared to have taken into the forbidden area it should not have taken their decision for disobeying the police orders without consulting the Congress leaders. Nor it was no excuse for the police to open fire to discriminately. If either party had sought the intervention of the Congress leaders, the situation could have been tided over. Hooligans took advantage of the clash and had their day. Both the Police and the Satsang Chandra Bose Birthday Celebration Committee fell a victim in these notorious characters.

The worst surprising thing was that the police allowed them hooligan elements to go scot free instead of rounding them up on the very first day. They waited for them days which led to the spreading of the flame to the neighbouring parts of the city. When the situation deteriorated [illegible] Congress Committee banned native Farmed Fence Guards who moved briskly in the affected areas advising the people to keep calm and not get panicky. Simultaneously the police arrested the Hooligan elements in three areas which led to restoration of tranquility. The situation was so improved on Saturday the 12th instant that the Congress was able to take out a mile long Indianmilmore by permission from Dhobi Talao through the affected areas to Chowpatty where nearly two lakhs of people took the independence day pledge administered by the president of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee. The Congress Peace Guards lined the route through and which prevented any untoward event happening in the city.

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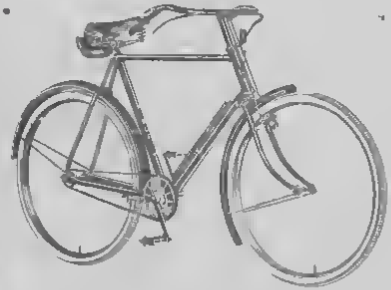
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Open Letter To The Rt. Hon. The Prime Minister Field-Marshall J. C. Smuts

THE Editor of the INDIAN OPINION vacates his editorial chair this week to enable him to address an Open Letter to General Smuts the Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, who, it is stated, will in all probability introduce the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill and piloting it through the Union Parliament

SIR—The INDIAN OPINION as you know is associated with the name of that great soul Mahatma Gandhi. No man has greater admiration and respect for the Mahatma than yourself. It is therefore fitting and proper that the Editor of the INDIAN OPINION should address this open letter to you in the hope that even in this eleventh hour, you will consider it extremely unwise to throw the Indians in the wolves of Natal

South Africa, though a young country has produced many great men, among whom you occupy a pre-eminent position. Your lordly lengthy life has been one of hard and tedious work and unselfishness—all for the good of South Africa. Born a Boer, you took advantage of and resumed education from an English University. Within a few years you fought the very people who had given you hospitality and all their best. You fought for your people and as one people in India are fighting the British—not with violence as you had and lost but with the principle of non violence which has never known to have failed. Having fought and proved your mettle you once again, joined forces with the British in order to mould the two white races of South Africa into one homogenous whole and to make this sub continent a country worthwhile to live in. Great Britain has no greater champion in the Dominions than you. Both in the first and second Great Wars you played the game with the British and contributed externally towards their success in arms. Of the great statesmen who played a glorious part in the first Great War and who made an unwarranted attempt to shape the future peace of the world, you alone remain to see the effects. You were present at the signing of the Versailles Treaty and you have seen how it reacted on the vanquished and how the vanquished have been able to rise within two decades and to shake once more the peace of the world. You were the architect of the League of Nations—a structure which was erected for all the nations of the world to live in peace but who, because of pettiness, jealousy and suspicion, pulled it down brick by brick. All these go to prove that man proposes but God disposes. In the councils of the second Great War and in the establishment of World Security against future aggression, you have again played a prominent part. The United Nations Organisation has accepted your preamble to the San Francisco Charter as the basis for its discussions.

Now to our immediate problem. The Indian community of South Africa has been an unfortunate community. It represent a mere 2½ per cent of the total population of South Africa as 12½ per cent of the European population. Small as they are, they have never had a year's respite. Year in and year out they have suffered by way of repressive laws as no other people have.

You are the one Minister of the Crown who have witnessed the vicissitudes of the Indian community at every stage. For forty long years you have dealt with the Indian problem. It was you who had arrived at a settlement with Mahatma Gandhi in 1914 which was to have settled the Indian question for all times, and as Fate would have it, you are destined, thirty two years after to snatch away from Indians the inherent human right to acquire landed property. Perhaps it is well that I recall your attention to that poignant passage in the letter addressed by the Secretary for Interior Mr E M Gorges, to Mahatma Gandhi, dated 30th June, 1914, which together with Mahatma Gandhi's reply of the same date constitute the Smuts-Gandhi Agreement. This is what Mr Gorges, on your instructions, wrote —

"In conclusion General Smuts desires me to say that it is, of course, understood and he wishes no doubts on the subject to remain, that the passing of the Indians Relief Bill on the Statute Book of the Union, coupled with the fulfilment of the assurances he is giving in this letter in regard to the other matters referred to herein and touched upon at the recent interviews, will constitute a complete and final settlement of the controversy which has unfortunately loomed for so long, and will be unreservedly accepted as such by the Indian community."

The sentiments expressed in this passage were never translated into action, but again and again you have given way to the European agitators who, because of their economic competition, pressed for repression of the Indians. The Class Areas Bill, which was introduced by your Government in 1924 at the urgent request of European agitators and vested interests, would have found its way into the Union Statute Book but for your defeat at Walkerstroom. It is true that the Nationalist Party in 1925 introduced the Areas Reservation Bill which was identical to your Class Areas Bill, but we were successful in getting the Hertzog Government to agree to a Round Table Conference which hammered out the Capetown Agreement. You, who have a majority over all parties in Parliament, have refused a similar request to your refusal to settle our problem at a Round Table in keeping with the high principles which you have, from time to time enunciated to us as human you Sir, I say as Am I to believe that the principles which you have enunciated are for the well being of the white races only? I refuse to believe it.

You have informed the Indian community that you will proceed with the new Asiatic Bill. Here again you have given it to the rabid anti-Asiatics of Natal. You have listened to all sorts of European deputations who have come to you with memoranda which you have accepted as gospel truth and you have given us opportunity in the Indian community to explain to refute these misstatements. What is the actual position in the old Borough of Durban? Since 1885 and up to March 1943 Indians acquired a mere 326 acres while the acreage in the ownership of Europeans amounts to about 2500 acres. When you take the whole City, Indians own as per cent, as against 43 per cent owned by Europeans. But these the added areas which were incorporated into Durban in 1930 were mainly owned and occupied by Indians. In face of these facts, can you justify a Bill which is to seriously limit the land rights of Indians? Are you not playing into the hands of selfish English people who want to maintain their domineering spirit and own superiority wherever they go? Is it conceivable that Africa, with a black population of one hundred and twenty millions and with Indian with four hundred

would enjoy the
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the war?

I humanity and
everything that
told me let us plead to
not to proceed with the
new legislation. At Pietermaritzburg you ran to Sigcau
and pounded your fist on the table
and shouted at me. Do
please tell English men
ing in Indian com-

It was this action on your part that first opened my eyes to the
bitterness that was being
born against you. You were then sent. A year ago
in Lead [illegible] caterer. Are
you still even [illegible] you gained
his goodwill in the pages
of South African history?

Until Marshall Church you
have shown the politics of
real authorities. Do not be
parochial in your outlook!
Think your great heart and
you will be convinced that your
[illegible] grievous wrong to the
Indian community.

Yours truly,
THE EDITOR

BISHOP ADVISES INDIANS AGAINST PENETRATION

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different standard of living and
[illegible] a different race. It might be
very selfish but it was very
natural. The Indians had yet to
acquire the same aesthetic taste
about his home and garden as
the European had. It was not
a question of money. The English labourer in England had the
same feeling.

He point that Europeans
feel very strongly to the misuse
of such phrases such as a "national insult to India and segregation means putting Indians
into a ghetto. It is part as set
aside for Indians with equal
facilities, to call it a ghetto is a
misuse of language.

It would be as well if Indians
recognised that the Capetown
Agreement which had promised
uplift for the Indians, had been
based upon a discrimination of the
Indian population. Wealthy Indians must help the poorer members of their race. The civilisation in South Africa was due
largely to European enterprise.
Indians had played their part
but when they talked of the vote
on the common roll they they
should stop to think what it
meant if the Indians were
placed on the common roll Natives could with justification
demand the same right and
that would mean that for every
European vote there would be
about one European voters. He
advocated representation on a
communal roll.

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you want to maintain [illegible] Indians
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every time. Very [illegible] Indians were [illegible] sold to a
Native than a European would
not sell at all. Indians must
also learn the sanctity of a
contract.

The Right Rev C J Ferguson Davis supplements the above
report in two particulars as
follows—

(1) The resolution which I proposed reads as follows:

That in the present state of strained relations existing between
Europeans and Indians in Natal it is of very great importance that
Indians should consider whether they can do anything to lessen
tension.

I pointed out that were I to be
speaking in a body of Europeans this is part of [illegible] would read "It is of very great importance that the European should consider what they should do in order to lessen the tension."

I consider that this is necessary and I said so in the Debate.

(2) As regards the Communal Franchise I said that no doubt was that in large measure. Councils and to the Union and Council [illegible] should be represented by Indians, but I [illegible] suppose as there were many Europeans who were capable of being useful members of those Councils. At the present time on account of the attack of many members of Parliament they would probably have to be content with representation by Europeans.

Communal Franchise does not necessarily mean a Community being represented by people of another race though this is what actually happens in the Parliament of 8 Africa with regard to native representation. In the last seventeen months 8 Africa in which I have experience of Communal Representation the various communities were represented by members of their own race normally. I can only hope this may be granted to the Indians in Natal.

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FROM S.A.I.C DELEGATION IN INDIA

The following cable message has been received from the S. A. I. Congress delegation to India:—

Delegation landed Saturday accept afternoon Christchurch Well received by Congress, League, Municipality and leading organisations and prominent Indians. Held press conference, limited statement. Met President Indian Chamber Commerce Mr Pramjee, Mr Valjee, Director Scindia Steam Navigation Company Sardar Vallabhbhai Doctor Mirza. Had conference with Sir Ramaswa and Sir Homi Modi interviewing Islamia Bar, Wale. Proceeded Poona today Mat Gandhi ji, subsequently interview lasting hour. Thereafter attended Bombay Provincial Muslim League Conference. Meeting his Highness Aga Khan Tuesday Meeting in San Imdore, at reception Imperial Municipality Wednesday Taj Mahal Hotel Wired Jinnah, Mrs Naidu, Sobra Khan Azad, Interview Making arrangements and on arrival Christchurch will meet Viceroy

A further cable message dated 6th March states—

Congress delegation is in communication with Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Quaidamam, Maulana Azad Shanti Chandra Bose, Nawabzada Liyaqat Ali Khan, Asaf Ali, Hon Sayed Raja Maharaj Singh Sir Rama Rao, Syed Raza Ali Sir Shahid and other leaders. Had telephonic communication with Nawabzada. Seeing Quaidamam tour Assam will contact him month March Calcutta. Powerful delegation headed by His Highness Aga Khan with whom will be associated prominent Indian leaders will proceed to Delhi to meet Viceroy probably twelfth March His Highness telegraphically urged Viceroy receive delegation twelfth Prominent South African Indians in [illegible] are communicated with to secondary delegation Mrs Sech Yusuf Kalidas Sarabjee Naidu Miraj, Kajee Kandarse Mahomed were granted His Highness of leech today Deputation saying Majestic Hotel.

Delegation regrets address Jeetmal Bombay Doctor Daniel Mirza leave Bombay to commit condemning proposed legislation on Asiatics bound to accentuate racial friction. As High Priest of Parsee community as a religious man all I can do is to appeal to Christian Churches South Africa to see no injustice done to Christian people who have just as much right on may previous community progress economically socially

INDIAN LEADERS CONDEMN VIOLENCE

Mahatma Gandhi

Bombay, Tuesday

IN a statement in Poona today Mahatma Gandhi has demand the violence displayed in the recent Bombay riots. He appealed to the extremists, who have expressed distrust in the British promise to be patient. He added, "But the official deputation proves for the last time that the British declaration is unreliable. The cunning mission is claimed to be friendly mission intercepting a hope that it will discover a constitutional method of delivery. It is in retreat on finding an honest way out of the difficulties I have no doubt that there is a way But the mission too has a part to play It is there the barricade must be lifted hands at least for the time being I appeal to Aruna and the friends to make wise use of the power their bravery and sacrifice have given them

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the former president of the Indian National Congress, in making his first reference to the disturbances in Bombay said "We have all the virtues in winning our freedom but I regret confess that we lack discipline which in essential for a free country During the last four days many things happened to the city, which are bad Many other things also happened to the city which were also bad. Many other things happened which are good. Unsocial elements have exploited credulity of unarmed people in every free country this problem counts, but to ours it is complicated by our fight for Independence. Today our freedom is at hand. Pandit Nehru said that there was no need for violence for winning the freedom of India. "If I felt that violence was necessary I would be the first to give the call, he added.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

A warning to the nation not to allow itself to be misled by those who try to exploit their feelings and the political awakening of the masses and direct them into wrong channels was given by Mr Vallabhbhai Patel, Bombay Congress leader, when he addressed one of the largest meetings held in Bombay It was here for all concerned to do some heart searching, Mr Patel said Those who committed ghastly crimes during the disturbances would not go unpunished Why should people rise against the Government when Congress has not given a call for revolt? If you think the Congress land is wrong you must replace it But as long as the present leadership is accepted you must abide by its advice The communal party wanging a wrong lead and trying to exploit the patriotism of the people, he said

Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali

Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali the Hindu socialist wife of the Muslim Congress leader Asaf Ali, criticised Mahatma Gandhi's earlier statement condemning violence in Bombay She is the leader of an underground movement and recently "surfaced", after a cancellation of the Government of a warrant for her arrest which she eluded for two years. She also stated that Mahatma Gandhi was on justified in his belief that the British would quit India in favour of Indian rule.

More than [illegible] have been arrested so far in connection with the recent up The [illegible] heavy tanks [illegible] tinguests of British and Indian troops have now been [illegible] throughout the city [illegible] Auto cannon and four [illegible] of armed troops are keeping up constant patrols

The Governor [illegible] John Colville, today toured the areas which were the worst [illegible] rioting and saw the dispositions of the troops and police

The Congress leader, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, is expected in Bombay tomorrow

Nineteen out of the 56 mills which work on Sundays resumed work this morning but only four had a full complement of workers. The Congress labour union has been advising mill hands to return to work.

Infantry guards have been mounted on the ships and shore establishments of the Royal Indian Navy and normal discipline is being restored

A British communique today said: "Preliminary enquiries are being instituted by ships magistrates. Courts of inquiry will be convened later in the meantime all ship companies are confined to their ships

The warning of the ratings mutual strike committees warning was made in a statement which said: "The navy will not hesitate for one moment to come out on strike again if the authorities make any attempt to victimise a single striker."

The committee thanked the Bombay public for "standing by us" and said that if the Government resorted to victimisation shot both the Royal Indian Navy and the people would "fight it out again

A full, impartial enquiry into the grievances of the Royal Indian Navy was promised to-day by the flag officer commanding, Vice-Admiral Godfrey in an address to the ships company of his flagship, "H M Indian Ship Narbada and to those establishments

"Now that order has been restored, it is your duty to return quietly to work without delay, he said. "No passive resistance to duty will be tolerated

I assure up to you to show that you intend to restore to the Royal Indian Navy the good name which it possessed before this unhappy episode took place

Position Becomes Normal

Bombay, Monday

After nearly a week of strikes, which broke out in sympathy

All [illegible] mats were [illegible] the European [illegible] All mills, [illegible] Bombay Sopl [illegible] Company and its [illegible] ern back at work

An army com [illegible] said that Indian [illegible] have on returned [illegible] there have been [illegible] incidents

Dockyard workers [illegible] been idle have also [illegible] but the Royal Indian [illegible] personnel are [illegible] emphasising however [illegible] action is not con [illegible] Indian Navy [illegible]

The common [illegible] total civilian casualties [illegible] disturbances up to [illegible] were 223 dead and [illegible]

Among the [illegible] during the disorders [illegible] than 30 ships [illegible] grams and [illegible] effects [illegible]

The Bombay [illegible] mum today revised [illegible] few orders [illegible] improved and [illegible] force but were [illegible] instead of [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] applies has also [illegible] to include [illegible] as peoples. This night still be return

Two more [illegible] —uncred Bombay

No curfew [illegible] parts [illegible] as [illegible] burial (closing down [illegible] by the All [illegible] [illegible] Some [illegible] observing it

Commander-in-Chief Broadcast

Sunday

These responsibilities for the rag mutiny Indian naval [illegible] would be [illegible] said to [illegible] Sir Claude Auchinleck [illegible] Commander-in-Chief in [illegible] broadcast over the All [illegible] radio

The situation in Bombay [illegible] day was [illegible] fully [illegible] completely quiet but in [illegible] where all work was stopped [illegible] a protest against the [illegible] troops in Bombay and in [illegible] sympathy with the [illegible] police made [illegible] disperse a mob throwing [illegible] at military vehicles [illegible] naval railway station

General Auchinleck [illegible] the actions of the Indian [illegible] vices, saying "The word [illegible] has been freely used [illegible] World War mutiny

RIOTS IN BOMBAY

Bombay, Sunday

The British cruiser Glasgow and two British destroyers arrived in Bombay today and additional British and Indian troops moved into the riot zones to clamp on any hold on the rebellious Royal Indian Navy ratings and the Bombay mobs who supported them.

The opened here in two places in Bombay this morning and injured four people, but a British army communique issued late this afternoon said that the situation in the city was now completely under control.

The ratings have not moved to duty, and their ships guns have been immobilised and their small-arms ammunition taken away The ratings mutual strike committee, however has issued a warning that the Indian Navy will come out on strike again if a single striker is victimised.

The flag officer commanding at Bombay, Vice-Admiral J H Godfrey, has promised a full impartial enquiry into the grievances of the Royal Indian Navy

Official casualty figures for the whole period since the disturbances began are 310 dead and 1,491 injured.

"Any attempt to whittle away the collective disobedience by the civil town 'strike' is dangerous to the discipline and stability of the armed forces. It matters not what form collective disobedience takes—whether cognitive such as refusal to work or positive such as a demonstration march. Such acts are all military, though obviously they can and do vary in degree.

Appeals are sometimes made that those should be no victimisation of those guilty. In so far as this means that there will be no collective punishment of the body of men, it is true that there will be no vindictiveness or indiscriminate retaliation.

"But I never have made, and never will make any promises that the ringleaders, and others individually tried and found guilty, will not be punished. On the contrary they will be. To do otherwise would be quite unfair to the well behaved servicemen who form the vast majority.

Some of the men I wishes can not be met. It is not possible to pay everyone in the Royal Indian Navy or the Royal Indian Air Force at the same rate as the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force without affecting the whole economic structure of the country and creating similar demands in every branch of the government service. We have, on a matter of fact, already two service committees sitting at this moment to look into some considerations of pay, accommodation etcetera of all the Indian services. Legitimate grievances can and are being remedied continuously and as quickly as possible.

"I am aware that politics have had something to do with the recent regrettable happenings in the services.

In my position as Commander-in-Chief, I have nothing whatever to do with politics, and I will not countenance political intrigues in the armed forces of India. To do so would be a great disservice to India, both now and for the future."

The increasing confidence in Bombay was indicated by the announcement that a public meeting will be held tomorrow at which the Congress spokesmen will be Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Vallabhbhai Patel front rank Congress leaders.

A one-day hartal (cessation of work) was observed in Madras city today as a protest against the firing by troops in Bombay.

Hardly transport was stopped and factories, shops and schools closed but the day with workers and students taking part in the hartal.

A mass meeting marched [illegible] through the city

at midday. They then held a meeting at which resolutions expressing sympathy with the Indian naval ratings and condemning the firing by troops and police were passed.

The demonstration was peaceful, except for an incident near the central railway station in the heart of the city where the police made lathi charges to disperse a mob throwing stones at military vehicles.

After six days strike 500 Royal Indian Naval ratings at Calicut removed work today.

The men unanimously decided to call off the strike at a meeting. The secretary of the strike committee said today that they were grateful to Lieutenant-Commander Webster commanding officer of the shore establishment.

"But for his kind and helpful treatment during the period of the strike we could not have remained so peaceful," the spokesman said.

It is reported that about 150 members of the ground staff of the Royal Indian Air Force stationed at Ranguon have gone on strike since Saturday. Their demands include equality of treatment with the British, better living conditions and speedy demobilisation.

Firing At Madras

New Delhi Tuesday

Fresh disturbances occurred in the Madras area today when the police fired on a crowd of 10,000 strikers, says Reuter. The crowd held up the Indo-Ceylon express train 12 miles from the city and abused the four-class passengers. Three people were injured when the police opened fire. Two Indian servants strikers are still in progress. One is at Secunderabad where 100 Indian other males have stopped work in no army workshop, and the other hundred are Indian naval ratings at the shore establishment at Jamnagar. Both groups struck in sympathy with the Bombay naval ratings. The Madras incidents came after yesterday's hartal (cessation of work) which paralysed transport. During the hartal crowds stoned Europeans and set fire to the huts of the masses swimming pool been by the military. The police had to disperse with a baton charge a crowd stoning the Young Men's Christian Association Club for servicemen.

Strike At Hyderabad

Hydunbad Tuesday

Nearly ten Indian airfield ranks working in an army workshop at an ammunition town Secunderabad struck work today on a mass of sympathy with Royal Indian Navy ratings. The strikers marched in procession to the workshops. The strike is being controlled peacefully.

Bombay, Wednesday

Indian troops near Secundarabad, who went on strike in sympathy with the ratings in the Royal Indian Navy, resumed work.

Lahore Strike

Bombay Wednesday

The glitch on the cars in which Sir Bertrand Glancy of Punjab was driving to Government House at Lahore took place in "Mall" —Lahore's West End." Previously the demonstrators, who numbered between 500 and 600, carried the Congress tricolour flag and shouted slogans demanding the release of the "Indian National Army Officer —Captain Rathanod Dhi. They broke down the cordon of police which tried to stop them going to the mall.

It is reported that a Union Jack marched from the Government car was torn into pieces and burned. The windscreen was smashed. The demonstrators then threw stones at another car the occupant of which, a European woman was not hurt. They also molested a European cyclist and several excited Europeans passing people not made a bonfire of them. The demonstrators dispersed after holding a meeting at which a student leader condemned the hooliganism of some students who, he said had acted as "agents provocateurs" in attacking the Government car. The situation is now quiet.

Officer Stabbed Himself

Calcutta Wednesday

An announcement issued from the headquarters of the Eastern Command states that Captain Menzies the officer in charge of the camp at Nilgiri where the guard opened fire on the Indian National Army personnel detained there stabbed himself when he was ill and threatened court martial with it to him but confessed him to be authorised and suffering from [illegible] for him years. He is now in hospital but his condition is not serious. The announcement states that the prisoners of mutinous have been committed by the Commander-in-Chief five men were killed and nine injured when the guard opened fire on "Indian National army" persons and at Nilgiri camp on September last 25 last year.

Pandit-ji's Statement On Navy Mutiny

Jubbulpore Wednesday

At Jubbulpore in the central Provinces, about 500 sepoys of the Indian Army signal Corps struck work in protest against the sentence of a three-year [illegible] on Warrant Petty Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, now contemplated against others besides the ring leaders Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru will leave shortly for Patna in alert Mahatma Gandhi.

Incident At Jubbulpore

Bombay Thursday

A statement issued today by the Central Command at Nagpur, referred to two cases of recent mutiny indiscipline at Jubbulpore. It added that the incidents ended peacefully and that disciplinary actions was being taken.

Strike At Pondicherry

Bombay Saturday

The police made a lathi charge to disperse a large crowd demonstrating in front of a mill in Pondicherry (French India). It was reported today. The demonstrations followed the decision of the mill authorities to requisition new workers under police protection in replace workers. Thousands of Indians carrying Communist flags marched in the mill to protest. The head of the combined police and military arrived and an armed contingent is guard the mill area and in spite of the demonstrations from entering the European quarter.

Workers Resume Work

A Bombay communique said today that railway guards have now been withdrawn from the Royal Indian Navy ships which took part in the recent mutiny and guards have also been reduced in the shore establishments and in some cases will drawn. In [illegible] Jubbulpore Central Provinces, where most the Indian signal corps mutiny work mainly in a protest against the sentence of the Indian Officer of the Indian National Army was under trial by. There has been a gradual return to work.

Struggle In Abeyance

In Lahore Maulana Abul Kalam Azad President of the All India Congress, said that the struggle with the government was in abeyance until there was a natural transfer power. On the food front which is India's immediate concern he declared there should on willing co-operation between the temporary powers and of the day and the people. Strikes demonstrations hartals and processions could not be resorted to and the present

ural atmosphere should mean a calm and peaceful harvest.

Police Shoot Down People

Congressmen Sit today

The police opened fire today in Bhojpur a crowd which attacked a railway office here with stones. Six persons were wounded by bullets. Last night some persons tried to set fire to the railroad offices. They also raided warehouses and cooperative stores where they looted rice bags.

No Vindictive Action

New Delhi Saturday

The president of the Congress Party Maulana Abul Kalam Azad saw General Claude Auchinleck the Commander-in-Chief India at New Delhi Later Mr Azad said he had the authority of the General to tell everyone that there would be no victimisation or vindictive action over the postal strike and that all legitimate grievances would receive sympathetic examination

duty by reduced customs duties and special depreciation allowances for plant and machinery, and reduced duties on paraffin and motor spirit Sir Archibald said that India was entirely free to take any line at the forthcoming negotiations on sterling balances held by her as one of Britain's creditors He added that it would be premature and unprofitable in India to withdraw from the Empire dollar pool. The Minister said that the Government's subsidised housing scheme was well under way, mainly in the towns An industrial finance corporation would be established to ensure medium and long term credits for industrial enterprise

Three Fight Services

London Thursday

Estimated expenditure for the three fight services for the financial year 1946 47 will be £5,192 575,000 according to a White paper published today Naval expenditure is estimated at £355,875 000, the army £685 000,000 and the air force £255,500,000 These are the first service estimates to be announced since the start of the war Maximum establishments at any time during the war are given as army (excluding the Indian establishment) 4,950,000 Navy (including royal marines) 499,000 Air force (excluding Indian establishment) 760,000

Indian Food Delegation

New York, Friday

Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, head of the Indian food delegation and on his arrival here that the nation 2,000,000 tons of cereals were made available within the next four months, India would be faced with a famine more severe than that of 1943 when 4,000,000 people died

India To Be Free This Year

Bombay, Sunday

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Indian nationalist leader and Mahatma Gandhi's right hand man urged the Indian people to maintain a peaceful atmosphere on that Congress could meet the British Cabinet mission in a friendly atmosphere and discuss Indian independence He told a gathering of workers that India was bound to be free during this year If an satisfactory result is forthcoming Congress will launch a struggle against the British Government to "quit India." That battle will be real and Congress will not be ill that they "quit" non violence,

SAPA-REUTER NEWS

Gandhiji's Advice To Avert Famine

Bombay Monday

The rumors of India should be damned and well should the issue to engage arms land and avert famine, said Mahatma Gandhi speaking here today "I have toured extensively to Bengal Assam and Madras and I have seen the situation in the eyes of the people, he said There should never be any shortages of grain or cloth in India The question is what should be done? Should we sit gazing at the sky waiting for months for rain? There is rain not only in the sky above but down below the earth. It is the duty of the Government and the engineers to go deep into the bowels of the earth to dig thousands of tanks to find mine they should build dams across rivers. It is our duty, everyone of us, to do whatever is possible Every man woman and child must play a part by economising,

Azad On Final Struggle

Calcutta, Tuesday

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad the president of the All India Congress, stated that congress would consider steps for the final and decisive struggle if the British Government failed to honour its justice and spirit the declaration of September 1945 promising an early realization of full self government in India.

Indian States Problem Discussed

Poona, Tuesday

Mahatma Gandhi had an after talk today with the Nawab of Bhopal, Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, The News said they discussed problems of the Indian states (principals) recruited by princes.

Life Sentence Commuted

New Delhi Tuesday,

The Commander in Chief India, General Auchinleck has commuted to seven years rigor

ous imprisonment, sentences of transportation for life passed on Captain Hutkam Ur Rehman of the Indian National Army He was convicted of waging war against the king

Bretton Wood's Agreement

New Delhi Tuesday

The Indian Central Legislative Assembly Committee, reporting on India's commitments under the Bretton Wood agreements in an interim report have asked the British Government to fix with the least possible delay, the date for the opening of the acquisition of India's sterling credits in London If urgent issue are unduly delayed, the report said that it may be necessary for India to withdraw from the international monetary fund and the international bank, before they can take place.

Promised Self-Government To Burma

Rangoon, Thursday

It will be first intention of the British Government and people that Burma shall attain full self government within the British Commonwealth said Sir Reginald Dorman Smith the Governor of Burma, in the Legislative Council today He added that the decision of Burma should cause no disagreement and if the British Commonwealth had already realised that the time would probably have been compelled to fix a longer period than Burma would have welcomed it Regarded until that there would be no unnecessary delay in holding elections which would mean the return of a democratic government post in

Indian Assembly Budget

New Delhi Thursday

Presenting the budget for 1945 46 in the Assembly Sir Archibald Rowlands the Minister of Finance announced an increase in the poll tax from 6 to 8 annas (or cents) He also announced a discount sources of income profits tax, rebate up to

Things In General

Great Coming Debate

Natal United Party M. P. s discussed the provisions of the proposed Bill on the Indian question with the Minister of the Interior Senator, C. F Clarkson on Wednesday It is expected that the Minister will give notice of the introduction of the legislation next week The second reading debate will probably take place after the Budget debate Members of the International representation it is likely that the Bill will be piloted through Parliament by the Prime Minister There seems little doubt that when the Bill is introduced the Indian question will become the most lively topic of discussion The Bill and the accompanying White Paper are expected to be published late next week It is unlikely that the Bill will come in debate for about two weeks at the earliest as all next week the House will be occupied with the debate upon the Budget

Thanksgiving Day For Rain

The Secretary to the Prime Minister wishes to announce as follows —An announcement in the Press, I have the honour to inform you that the Government have decided to appoint Friday the 15th March as a national day of thanksgiving for the bountiful rains which have fallen in most parts of the Union. By direction of the right Honourable the Prime Minister I am to express the Government's earnest hope that as many denominations as possible will co-operate on the wherever practicable for will be held at 11.30 a. m. on that day Your assistance to this end will be cordially be deeply appreciated.

Mayville Saraswati Tamil School

At the Annual General meeting of the Mayville Saraswati Tamil School held in the Hall, Gumtree Road Mayville on Sunday the 25th February, 1945, the following were elected Mr. Speaker Patrons T V M Naicker V G R Naidoo and V Rajoo Chetty Trustees S S Govindsamy and A Ramasamy Auditor Mr. Govindsamy Committee vice presidents G G Naidoo, Master Pillay P Muthusamy S N Naidoo A A Pillay M A Moodley and P G Kunder Chairman of the Committee A. Nathansamy Vice Secretary V S Vadivel Pillay Hon Assistant Secretary J R Devar Joint Hon Treasurers M M Hendon and S. Sankaran Committee J D Reddy, M S Pudayachee T T Govendan P G Moodley K Govindsamy, T V Gounder T Govindsamy M Maria Gounder R. S Pillay K G Govender V S. Marie Pillay Duraisamy Gounder M Soony Moodley G M Nyanne Gounder R Pillay N Dhanoo N S Naidoo Mrs Ramasamy Gounder P V Gounder Murugesa Naidoo and S. S Chetty

INDIA LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent)

MAHATMA MANDIR returned to Wardha that week after a triumphant tour in Bengal, Assam and Madras. The teeming millions of India gave him a right royal reception in all the three provinces. In Madras, the crystal of service and devotion to the poor the vast masses on the burden of starvation find a great solace. Literally a vast sea of heads greeted him everywhere he went in the above three provinces. His visit to South India has a special significance. He went to Madras to preside over the Silver Jubilee celebration of the Hindi Prachar Sabha which was started twenty-five years to propagate Hindi, the national language of India. In celebrating the call of Harijans came to him. He pitiful the occasion to give death blow to untouchability. The meeting of 2,000-years old shrine in Madura dedicated to Goddess of Meenakshi and the shrine at Palni dedicated to Balasubramania (Kartheya) which were thrown open to the Harijans attracted him. He went by special train and offered worship both at Madura and Palni. This trip drew hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from the neighbouring districts to both the centres to have darsan of the Mahatma. Gandhiji was thrilled when he saw the vast crowd that turned up to see him. Perfect discipline prevailed except in one or two meetings. Mahatmaji missed no opportunity to impress upon the people the need to remove untouchability. Learn Hindi and wear Khadar. Here are extracts of some of his speeches which may be of interest to your readers.

Presiding over the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha on 25th of January Gandhiji said that it seemed that the hall-mance of English was as great particularly in South India, that even Indian names assumed an English form in many places. This was a kind of slavery. Why should they continue in bag the chains, albeit golden which enslaved them? Should they not break Caste-wrecked and try to regain their freedom? It was not difficult at all. Let them at least replace English with Hindustani. He wanted Hindustani to spread on go to unite the different parts of India and not on no account displace the local Indian languages.

Addressing a convention of Harijans on the evening of 26th January Mahatma Gandhi expressed his great pleasure in seeing before him such a large gathering of Harijans. He was also glad to notice the great awakening among them. English men often put the question, Mahatmaji observed what the Caste Hindus were going to do for the solution of the problem of untouchability if the country achieved freedom? They further asked what had the people done for Harijans? Mahatmaji admitted that the question was pertinent; but at the same time he wished to make it clear that untouchability did not exist in such a horrible form as their European friends wanted to make out. In the connection Mahatma Gandhi referred to his South African experience and said that there all Indians were regarded by the European people as untouchables. An Indian might not live in a European locality. He was "only as far as the Europeans there were concerned. Separate places were allotted for the residence of Indians. There were also other humiliations. Therefore he could say he said that Europeans did not observe untouchability. Mahatmaji added did all he could to remove that kind of untouchability while he was in South Africa. After returning to India he had devoted himself to the removal of untouchability in this country.

The parliamentary or Pryaschitha the aspect of service to the Harijans was emphasized by Mahatma Gandhi when he laid the foundation stone for the Harijan Industrial School on February 1 which was started 12 years ago. Gandhiji observed that the Hindu community had committed a great sin by observing the untouchability it was the duty of every Hindu to wash away the sin. How else can Hindus hope to enjoy community with Harijans? There was another aspect to this inhuman treatment of Harijans said Gandhiji. All men were equals and by treating a fellow men as untouchable a person degraded himself. The real untouchable was the person who treated a fellowman as untouchable. Such treatment was not only a great wrong but also a great sin. Gandhiji emphasized that he desired to draw the attention of everyone to the urgent need by serving the poor of Harijans through a change of heart for he added a change of heart was far more important than gifts of money or other similar help.

Speaking for Shanti to the Harijans assembled that had gathered to greet him in Madura on February 7 Gandhiji said "I know all this noise and commotion is explained by your love and affection for me. You are all eager to see me. But I tell you such intemperate and indisciplined affection is not love. You have only made it impossible for me to tell you what I wanted to. Prayer to me is no mere routine. It is just as much a part of my life.

SOCIALISM AND GANDHISM

By PROF ANATH GOPAL SEN in The Modern R

(Concluded from last week)

WHAT we require today is not an victory to the return of our active faith in the invincible strength of Truth. If we can in word or rekindle that faith in us, in power on earth shall be able to resist it. The day has come when Truth should be constructed from the cold storage of spirituality and applied on the material plane.

That is why Gandhiji considers the superstitious of the existing private property by violent means unnecessary and unwise to treat the wish as the trustees of public funds and the give have a chance for making their wealth for the good of the people. If they do not behave themselves, they will be removed from the trustee's position by a court of law. On the other hand, they discharge their trust conscientiously and honestly they may be notified to draw a remuneration of 5 to 6 per cent. out of the net income or profit of the trust property applying the rest to public cause. According to Gandhiji at the highest income of any one should not be more than 1 times the lowest income, whereas in the Russia the disparity between the maximum and the minimum income is already said to be. Their highest figure appears quite favourably with the correspond figures of the richest capitalistic country U A The question I pose raised — where is the condition to enforce Gandhiji's formulae behind the rich so far not use of force is concerned. Our reply is that I the power of Truth and the non violent way can achieve it way. then it would be an incomparably cost simple to deal with the rich capitalists and landlords of the country. But if we fail to achieve the minimum of self government then the position of what to do with the unwilling and other Indians ex-

[illegible] resumed treatment [illegible] to stay will continue as before [illegible] during the patronage of [illegible] ruling imperialist power [illegible] will be of smashing the [illegible] machine first and dealing with the British afterwards [illegible] into the hands] one [illegible] in order to dupe the [illegible] the Moscow party [illegible] Bharati is called a visionary as his ideas are described as [illegible] by many. But in reality he is one of the most intelligent practical men that ever lived. That is why he writes

"I cannot picture to myself a time when a man shall be richer than another. Even in a most perfect world we shall fail to avoid inequalities, but we can all equal avoid sterile [illegible] and bitterness"

That is why he says in advance that though his ideal is equal distribution he works for *equitable* distribution. And his method at with does not follow the line that [illegible] treatment after the malady has been allowed to flourish by the patient is now fully but after untenable shock of the disease itself by means of timely preventive measures. As long as there are big [illegible] machinery and monster factories for mass production, whether under [illegible] and into socialist system as long there is no escape for humanity either from greed or from war [illegible] the world powers to [illegible] primitive conditions of life or live without modern comforts but he thinks that unless we dismantle these huge factories as I said [illegible] the country and in small [illegible] forms and parts, capable of being shad [illegible] and managed by common people we cannot [illegible] power to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] exploitation and slavery.

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which are re- [illegible] is the [illegible] have [illegible] worth

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South Africa is bound to suffer economically as a result of this breach. The wheat, sugar and mealie industries which depend largely on Indian imports will be seriously affected. In gold and diamond buying India was one of South Africa's best customers. Indians in this country will suffer just as much for rice and condiments will not be exported from India. But they are steeled to suffer and there can be no success without suffering.

It is beyond us to understand the statement made by the Association of Chambers of Commerce that its executive committee expresses its surprise that the Government of India should resort to trade prohibitions in dealing with a political issue. The Association is either ignorant of the implications of the Pegging Act over which the whole Indian nation is perturbed or it is trying to cloud the present issue. India is not in a position to retaliate by force of arms. General Smuts knows that too well. India cannot demand of the Union Government to withdraw any anti-Indian legislation nor can she demand an apology as did Germany and Italy in their hey days. Until India attains that stature when she can speak militarily she has perforce to resort to the severance of trade relations.

That General Smuts should have permitted the matter to go so far is to be deeply regretted. His action in spurning the hand of friendship that India had shown in making a simple request for a Round Table Conference will be judged at the bar of world opinion in the light of his preachings at international assemblies. The treatment of South African Indians goes further than the fields of local party politics. The issue of the incorporation of South West Africa into South Africa hangs in the balance at the United Nations Organisation. This issue coupled with that of the proposed legislation against South African Indians, will bring the stock of South Africa to the lowest ebb.

The deeds of Indian soldiers in the many fronts in the first and second great wars are still fresh in the minds of those who sat at the U.N.O. And they know too well that but for the valour and fighting qualities of Indian soldiers in Abyssinia, North Africa and in Burma, South Africa would have suffered as much as if not more than some of the European countries.

It would not be many more months before India attains her freedom and General Smuts is doing a disservice to his own country by antagonising a great country with four hundred millions. South Africa can not isolate herself. America with her colossal wealth and a large population has not been able to maintain her

[illegible] of the Common wealth [illegible] Isle of which India is the bright jewel

In his present state of mind he will pass the Asia tic Bill but we shall await his answer to world opinion which is already mounting against him

unspeakable from the transitional stage but Mother Nature is less concerned with pandering to our weaknesses than with the development of our latent powers. To fulfil our purpose and destiny, we have got to grow, and we shall have reached our full manhood's stature only when we shall have freed ourselves from every form of bondage. Political and economic bondages are but two forms of a much larger and more potent malevolence that of certain "qualities" (gunas) that bind us to things material and perishable. It is liberation from these that is the real purpose and aim of our education; that we may become masters and not we slaves. As yet, we are only in the kindergarten class, learning the most elementary lessons in the exercise of our moral and intellectual muscles. Oppression, exploitation, racial discrimination and like conditions we find distasteful and righteous should be regarded by us in the same way as the children in training views his dumbbells, as forces to be overcome and as aides in the development of his muscular powers. Just as physical strength is developed by overcoming the resistance of physical forces, so spiritual character is born and developed by resisting and overcoming the forces of unrighteousness.

The athlete who would be strong has to lounge many indulgences to the course of his training. He has to make sacrifices for the sake of his objective to let go many enjoyments that would clog and impede his efforts and imperil his success.

Taking a birds eye view of our position, we see that while our character and circumstances are of our own creating—our Karma—a sort of object lesson as the results of changes done and left undone, our "dharma is also a factor in our evolution, God's plan for mankind. For dharma is that rule of conduct by which each that best advances his progress from animal man to God man.

Oppression is thus seen to be (as the enemy so often proves to be) a friend in disguise. For it brings out the warrior in the miserable slave prompts the rebel to oppose the wrong and support the right. He moves up on in my rule o higher class, becomes a warrior (Kshatriya) a champion of righteousness. If he would be loyal to this higher dharma that calls him, he must also become a sacrificer to his principles the supreme idealist cannot at the same time remain the materialist he was. For, adult manhood means responding the way of childhood such is the manner of man's growth and real progress. If he would live in the higher he must die in the lower. The price of Freedom is sacrifice, renunciation, selfless service.

THE USES OF ADVERSITY:

By L. W. RITCH

THAT we get the rulers we deserve, that the conditions we experience are but such as we ourselves have helped to make may be a hard truth, but it is a truth nevertheless. That same laws, of which this is one, exercise not only God's power but also His beneficence is that to say is apparent to all. The kind beneath the rule is very naturally, finds it difficult to accept the [illegible] but the lord loveth, he [illegible] punish. Nor in its [illegible] to us humans have we [illegible] look for the reason.

We see the appreciate that of [illegible] stages of evolution [illegible] power and the scope of [illegible] vision are very restricted [illegible] we only as in a glass [illegible] and are incapable of [illegible] up am present with our [illegible] vistas. Each one of us [illegible] worthlessness, unsanitary con- [illegible] will all these Times— [illegible] for what we are and what we are going to be re- [illegible] chapters in our lives [illegible] evolutionary [illegible] which stretches [illegible] immensely distant past, [illegible] immeasurably distant

[illegible] difficulty, of concern [illegible] during any given earth— [illegible] but the average none is [illegible] and with is but the sum [illegible] of effects the detailed [illegible] of which his present life is the sum are, beyond the [illegible] of our brain-consciousness. Nevertheless the doctrine that "each reaps" lifts the "outcome of his license living is" has very wide acceptance. Indeed, to the philosophical mind it offers the only rational explanation of what are commonly called "the accidents of birth." Caprice of [illegible] capricious Creator or the operation of blind unintelligent Force are the only alternatives. The better-informed reject both in favour of the law that to include Man in the planned evolutionary progression of Life observable throughout the universe.

To those of little vision Nature often regarded as cruel, but I suppose as the association of her with the variable forces of [illegible] be perceived, Nature will be seen to be a wise and loving Mother (albeit not a foolishly over indulgent one) painstakingly furthering that purpose and concerned only with our progress towards accomplishment.

It is only by *experiencing*, by ourselves actually *eating* of the fruit of our own willing, thinking and desiring that we [illegible] knowledge of good and evil, and so gradually grow wise and self-emancipated. We need to appreciate that wisdom comprises both Knowledge of "Nature changeless laws" and also adaptation of our conduct to those laws because they express "The Law that moves to Righteousness." Mathew Nolnes, then, is seen to be connected above all else to promote the real growth of Her children in make of them what we were designed to become self-conscious spiritual beings, worthy of our divine pedigree. Nay is the method followed in His evolutionary schooling to which life after life we find ourselves subjected difficult to perceive.

The first step in our education (which means "leading out") consists in our being aroused from our "humane" sluggishness, to our being shaken out of the lazy indifference to whatever does not immediately interfere with our personal ease and comfort. We all remembered that education and growth are synonymous, that both mean "becoming" and that this "becoming" requires that we transcend the narrow limitations of the personality life of animal appetites and personal ambitions that we expand our consciousness of selfhood far beyond its present confines.

It will thus be readily seen that the slave must be aroused from his "humane" oppression before he can be induced to make a move towards freeing himself. As long as the limitations he still enjoys as slave, seem more to him than does freedom, he will remain slave. Only when he is made to suffer, by personal experience, some of the evils inherent to the system itself, will he be prompted to rebel. The same is true of every form of bondage.

Few of us relish the discipline

ASIATIC RACES MAY OUST EUROPEANS

SPEAKING at the Durban Rotary Club luncheon Mr W J Yetton said:

"There is a time coming and it might not be an far away, when the Asiatic races—the Japanese, the Chinese, the Natives of Malaya and the Indians themselves will unite to oust the European from the East." "The picture," he said "will be a horrible one."

Mr Yetton was addressing the club on Singapore—Before and After." He had been in Singapore before the Japanese invasion and he had been in touch with the vanguard of the British troops who reoccupied the city

"The picture you can form some of the Japanese atrocities gives no indication of the real thing he said "I have spoken to men who were interned and to men who have suffered the worst tortures, to men who have had burning cigars thrust into the flesh of their stomachs. I have spoken too to women fastidious women who during the Japanese occupation were only too pleased to find a room or a small to eat.

It is incredible that a race like the Japanese should become such inhuman beasts, continued Mr Yetton "Many of you know the Japanese—courteous, polite and charming. They are quiet from our shores now but they will be back grotesquely polite, bowing and scraping in their endeavours to win your favours.

"Perhaps some of you might be inclined to forget and I advise—it is easy to forget—but some one so first hand knowledge of a crime—but I would urge you all to remember that it was your friends—White men and women whom they tortured and ill treated.

Mr. Yetton stated that Singapore was slowly getting back to normal but it would be a long time. There was a lot of cleaning up to be done in and and a lot of work for Japanese to do in but the British military authorities did not apparently think it right for these Japanese to do such work.

The Japanese had brought racial hatred strife and unrest into Malaya and it would be many years before the country resorted to its old order of peace and prosperity. Among the Native races nationalism was rife everywhere—

SMUTS' NEW ORDER

DURING his recent visit to India the High Commissioner Mr R M Deshmukh told the Associated Press that the situation in South Africa was already delicate by Indians and that he would prefer to say nothing on the subject. We think on the present occasion silence is not golden and that the situation demands plain-speaking. The plain fact is that the Prime Minister of South Africa has two sets of principles which are incompatible with each other the one is the conscience shocked and the ignoble race spoke of hence. Three years ago in the course of a speech in the British House of Commons Gen Smuts described the one order Hitler proposed to build, and the order South Africa and allied nations were fighting for. He said that the New new order meant persecution, domination, suppression, enslavement of the free spirit of man ny, universal misery. Regarding the ideals of the United Nations, Gen. Smuts said At bottom this war is a new crusade, a new fight to the death for man s rights and liberties, and for the personal ideals of man s ethical and spiritual life. The United Nations Charter which is intended to promote and encourage respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion in the outcome of the new crusade of which Gen. Smuts spoke. The domestic policy of the Government of South Africa is based not on the principles of the United Charter which Gen. Smuts acclaimed but on the tenets of Hitler s pernicious world order which Gen Smuts denounced in his speech in London.

Persecution, domination, suppression, enslavement, external nation thus is the treatment that Gen. Smuts Government metes out to Africans, Indians and other non-white nationalities. One expected that the fate which befell Hitler would serve as a warning to the South African Government and that Gen Smuts and his colleagues would revise their attitude to the non white populations Actually the South African Government have redoubled their efforts to persecute and suppress the Indian community The Housing Ordinance which the Natal Government are introducing violates the United Nations Charter It is based not upon the principle of equal rights for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, but on the Nazi doctrine of racial discrimination as I will lead to the ghetto by Deshmukh s plete most that the situation in South Africa is serious there that ghettos are imminent. This is not the time for the Government of India and their spokesmen to keep quiet —*Leader* (Allahabad)

Adviser to the Prime Minister s Department for consultation

The crucial question remains that of provincial representation At present it appears that the Government do not intend to meet the unanimous demand of attempting to amend the South Africa Act to provide for exclusive European representation on the Provincial Councils.

As this would deprive Indians and Coloureds in the Cape from having direct non European representation it would involve a joint sitting of the House of Assembly and the Senate.

It would also cause a revulsion of feeling internationally—something that General Smuts is doing his utmost to avoid in view of strained international relations

The Government ... them will be inaugurated ... in the Transvaal to ... electing an Indian ... cial Council. There will ... than 7000 Indian voters ... Transvaal as against ... Natal who will be entitled ... return two Indian ... Councillors if the plan as ... stood we learn that to finalise

To gain some equity in the election of European representatives to the House of Assembly it is proposed to ignore the provincial barriers and amalgamate Northern Natal with the Transvaal.

The Government plan was announced in the Transvaal Provincial Council from the franchise question Whether this has been reconsidered a different solution adopted will become known later

CABINET UNITED ON THE BILL

FOLLOWING Tuesday s meeting of the United Party caucus at which General Smuts, Mr J H Hofmeyr and other Ministers were present and at which, it is understood, the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill was discussed it can be authoritatively stated that there is no dissension in the Cabinet over the Indian measure.

While the Union Government were awaiting the official confirmation of reports from New Delhi that the government of India had decided to break off trade relations with South Africa, further consideration was given to the whole Indian problem, and the Government intends to introduce the legislation on Friday

It is understood that the Bill provides for the Indians to be represented by three European members in Parliament. For this purpose the Transvaal and Natal provinces will be divided into three electoral areas. Two Europeans will represent the Indians in the Senate One of them will be nominated by the Government for his special knowledge of Indian affairs.

Two Europeans to represent Indians in the Natal Provincial Council the South African Act would have to be amended This would only apply to the electing representatives but would mean inserting another reference into the Act of Union Legislation of that kind could not be lightly undertaken under prevailing international and other conditions.

As the law is at present both Indians and Natives, provided they have the legal qualifications, may become members of the provincial council Non Europeans have to the case been elected to the Cape Provincial Council hence the proposal to allow Indians to represent Indians to the Natal Provincial Council

The Prime Minister it is understood discussed the proposed Indian measure with the leaders and members of the Labour and Dominion Parties

Much will depend on the attitude of these two parties who will carry a special responsibility to this request.

It is reported that the Dominion Party is opposed to the provisions which grant the Indians representation but favours the so-called restrictive provisions.

The Labour Party has not yet reclaimed its intentions, but seems to be behind the Bill until such time as the Dominion Party has revealed its attitude. To implement what is essentially a compromise arrangement the political advantages may have unforeseen consequences.

INDIAN BILL

THE United Party crisis over the proposed Asiatic franchise and property tenure legislation will be brought to a head when the Prime Minister will make an official announcement in the parliamentary caucus of the United Party The crisis arises over the question of Indian representation on provincial councils. The Nationalists do not intend to miss this opportunity of making propaganda against the Government.

The Prime Minister had visitors including Mr Deshmukh, the High Commissioner for India Mr D E Mitchell, Administrator of Natal and Senator O F Clayton, Minister of the Interior

Mr J H Hofmeyr who has been ill for the last three days reappeared in the House of Assembly to listen to the resume of debate upon Budget. He had a short conversation with the Prime Minister

Mr Deshmukh called at the Prime Minister and was closeted with him for 30 minutes. Mr Deshmukh said that his visit had been merely on exploratory one in order to keep his Government at New Delhi fully informed on any developments that were taking place.

The Indian High Commissioner denied soon ones that he proposed to return to India almost immediately

That is a question for my Government rather than for me" he said I can have merely nothing information and I certainly hope to be hear the debate upon this Bill. What my Government might do is not for me to say"

Shortly after Mr Deshmukh had left the Prime Minister again met Sir Senator Clarkson who remained with him for a short while and then hurried across to the Government Buildings where he summoned the State Law

General Smuts Adamant

The Prime Minister (General Smuts) made a statement in the House of Assembly on Wednesday about the Union Government s Indian legislation He said this matter was essentially one of domestic policy for the Union and, while the Union Government deplored the Indian Government s unfriendly attitude in the trade agreement the Union Government saw no reason for changing their plans. The Indian Bill would be introduced on today (Friday)

INDIA ENDS TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA

THE Government of India has decided to terminate trade relations with South Africa as one of a number of counter-measures in general against the Union's new "Anti Indian Bill, reports Reuter-Exchange from New Delhi

Official confirmation of that revolutionary move is now awaited by the Union Government.

Announcing in the Indian Council of State the decision of the Indian Government in break off trade relations with South Africa, Dr. N. B. Khare, the Commonwealth Relations minister has referred to negotiation carried on by the Indian High Commissioner Mr R. M. Desh mukh with the Union Government and said the High Commissioner had now reported on those negotiations.

Dr Khare declared that the Government of India have always recorded their protest against the statutory segregation of Indians, and they cannot, therefore, consistently with their moral responsibility for the welfare of their nationals in the Union acquiesce in that discriminatory legislation which will practically relegate the large, pro-gressive Indian population in the Union to a position of permanent inferiority

"There is little doubt that the Union Government have been decided to proceed with the Draft Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill. The door seems to be barred against further negotiations.

"Our main instruction to our High Commissioner was that he should urge the Union Government to discuss the Indian question at a conference with Indian representatives with a view to exploring more alternative settlement and pending the results of such a conference, that legislation should be postponed.

"Our High Commissioner made personal representations to the Prime Minister of the Union

"It is with deep regret that I have to state that the Prime Minister has rejected these proposals.

"In view of the attitude of the Union Government and their decision to proceed with the legislation, the Government of India have come to the Union Government a message on March 9 that the Government of India now consider themselves free to take counter-measures against South Africa.

As soon counter-measures are likely to affect India's trade relations with the Union, the Government of India also informed the Union Government that they propose to give the prescribed notice for the termination of India trade agreement with South Africa Formal communication of such notice to being made.

The Government of India's decision follows a strong public demand for the enforcement of economic sanctions against South Africa. The demand has been insistent since General Smuts announcement of his intention to introduce his Bill enabling property deals between Indians and other races in South Africa, and one vigorously urged in the Legislative Assembly (the lower house of the Indian legislature) on February 4.

Another demand made in India is for the withdrawal of the High Commissioner It is understood that no decision on this subject has yet been taken.—Sapa-Reuter

The India Office (London) refused to comment on the decision of the Government of India, saying that the matter one one which exclusively some and India and South Africa.

CRISIS LIKELY

The political correspondent of the *Natal Mercury* states:

NO final decision has yet been taken on the final issue of the proposed Asiatic franchise and property tenure legislation which the Government are to introduce in Parliament shortly

On Saturday the strongest representations were made to the Prime Minister, General J C. Smuts, by Mr D S. Mitchell, Administrator of Natal, for a reconsideration of the original plan to enable Indians to elect two Asiatic representatives in the Natal Provincial Council but to have no representation on the Transvaal Provincial Council.

Mr Mitchell discussed the whole matter for more than an hour with the Premier at Groote Schuur Senator C P Clarkson, Minister of the Interior, was present as part of the time

There is every reason to believe that the Prime Minister is now reconsidering the granting of Provincial representation and that he will refer the matter to the whole Cabinet. It is clear that the previous decisions were only tentative.

Before seeing the Prime Minister on Saturday Mr Mitchell called upon Mr J H Hofmeyr, the Minister of Finance, who is still confined to his bed These discussions lasted more than half an hour

Mr Hofmeyr made his position quite clear He is full y supporting the plan to permit the Indians to have a representative upon the Transvaal Provincial Council

The crisis at the moment arises from the fact that Transvaal members of Parliament have condemned this proposal, declaring that unless it accepted they would never be able to face their constituents, There are 38 United Party Parliamentary seats in the Transvaal

The tentative decision has not entirely precipitated one of the greatest controversies since 1939, and the dilemma in which the Cabinet finds itself is most serious. A final decision, however, cannot be long delayed.

On Saturday Mr Mitchell emphatically denied that he would consult Natal members of Parliament and discuss the question with them. As Administrator, he cannot take any part whatever in political discussions.

BREACH WITH INDIA

THE Daily News Writes as follows in its issue of March 12:

THE government of India's decision to end trade relations with South African has obviously been taken at that moment in the slightly unbelieving hope of exercising a maximum amount of influence on General Smuts. It is thankful if it will influence him. The Prime Minister is not the man to yield to pressure of that kind or to intimidatory gestures from outside. From the practical aspect, a brief examination of the figures of trade between South Africa and India shows at once that India stands to lose The blow will fall more heavily on her own business men and even subsidiary than on South African. Last year it is true, exports to India from South Africa nearly balanced in value the imports from India. The extraordinary conditions imposed by the war resulted in India's buying enormous amounts of small early, semi-manufactures, armaments and mineral ores such as copper from South Africa, lifting the value of goods sold to India for 1944 to the unprecedented level of £10,000,000 in round figures. This is a situation that will not persist. Normally, the trade balances is heavily in India's favour as she sells some £7,000,000 more to South Africa than the buys from us. Further while there will be a loss of the branch is persisted in—for South African importers and even Government firms certain industries, which must be regretted, the action will fall most heavily on all on the Indians living here. It is they who will be deprived of those essential items of diet that are imported from India. The government at New Delhi must be fully aware of these facts. The decision must therefore, rest on other than a material basis for it invests on South Africans no sanctions in the true sense of that term.

It can admittedly be presented as a moral gesture. But in the closing is it not also a political trick? The details of the legislation that General Smuts is going to present to Parliament—and over which he is taking notice let no political rabbit—are not known. For all the bans available in New Delhi, the Indians to this country may be about to get more direct representation in the legislature of South Africa than millions of Indians are overseas or so we have been grated in India itself. The Indian government's decision is to say the least, highly premature and the diplomatic tactic on which it is based suggests an unworthy envy in power" by big stick politics. This is certainly not the way to reinforce moderate and liberal opinion in South Africa which it can be confidently predicted that those who are opposed to any form of concession whatever to the Indians here will be steeled in their opposition The Prime Minister's efforts to secure some workable compromise will not be aided by this no doubt well meant attempt to economic bellicosity At the moment it would be foolish of South Africans not to recognise the acute straw which this action by the government of India strews to the problem of settling our future relations with the Indians in our midst. The spotlight of world attention will be thrown on the decisions General Smuts will shortly announce and our own extremists, on both sides, will do well to bear in mind that their outlooks will be scrutinised and have to be justified before a wider and greater tribunal than that of White South Africa alone If I suppose no obligation is not with a greater restraint and a higher sense of responsibility than New Delhi has shown

CABLE NEWS FROM S.A.I.C. DELEGATION

Imperial Indian Citizenship Association held reception to Honour of Delegation on Wednesday the 6th at Taj Mahal Hotel the best hotel at Bombay Sir Chunamlal Setalvad chairman of the Association presided over the function, and welcomed the Delegation on behalf of the Association and citizens of Bombay Delegation had come to India, at the time when entire was surrounded in political upheaval and threatening famine said Sir Chunamlal. He added the cause of South Africans to India was as dear to India's as The assured the Delegation that in cause of all shades of opinion would espouse their cause, and shall do all possible to South African Indians showed united front results could be looked forward with optimism. He appealed to Viceroy Lord Wavell and Government of India and people to take up Delegation cause and lend a helping hand to their Indian brethren before it was too late.

Sir Homi Mody, ex member of Viceroy Executive and a prominent industrialist at Bombay, said that the best Indian was with his children in South Africa If and when Indian became free—this event was nearing rapidness—she would be in new low in deal with the Government of General Smuts. Hussein Bhai Laliji, prominent businessman and a nationalist Muslim, stressed international significance of South African Indian problem Mr Sorabji Pochkhanawa, leader of the Delegation, made powerful appeal and described the latest Bill of General Smuts offering communal and limited franchise as a death knell to the rights and hopes of South African Indians Genera Smuts is plotting to sever their connection with India for good. With one stroke of the pen he has torn the Uplift Clause of the Capetown Agreement to bring Indian's honour down to mire. Under has provisions franchise Indians would be obliged to vote on white voters and they will be compelled to elect European to represent them in Legislature. This subtle and repugnant step of General Smuts tears to the ground commitments of honourable gentlemen of Capetown Agreement. He said he fails to do justice he would stand before world as wrecker of his own principles. Let us make it clear that we mean to fight him and his Government in the bitter end Our cause is good and with India's overwhelming support success is bound to come for us fight General Smuts wants us to be South Africans and cease to be Indians. I think will do if possible before Indian attains freedom leave British rule. He added that free India would put General Smuts at his right place known fanatic upset with which he is rushing out in our doom. Present proposals and actions of Union Government was betrayal of Capetown Agreement Segregation moves of Smuts Government were worse than that enacted by Malan's Bill of 1925 Among prominent leaders present were Sir Purshotamdas, Sir Chunilal Mehta, Sayed Bedrv, Editor *Bombay Chronicle*, Sir Sakhawan, Sir Manmuk, Sir Francis Low, Editor *Times Of India* Municipal Commissioner Mirchandani, Sir Chandavarkar, Sir Dalal and N M Tata.

INDIANS TO SIT ON PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

ACCORDING to the Cape Town correspondent of the *Daily News*, the suggestion by the Government that two Indians should represent their own race on the Natal Provincial Council under the proposal to give franchise to Indians on a communal basis, has created an extremely debatable position. This carries with it the implications that Indians, with the support of the Provincial Council will also be permitted to serve on town councils.

No decision has yet been taken, but the United Party members have clearly indicated that they find it difficult to associate this with the Transvaal's unanimous lines the provinces. Others, on the other hand, do not favour Indian being members of the Provincial Council at present though such an attitude is contrary to the Act of Union

Whatever the decision, the proposals to amend occupation and acquisition are the vital issue on which there seems to be no doubt of Government's sincerity There is little doubt also that most members of the Government accept the principle that Indians are entitled to some voice in the Government of the country, but many seem to favour representation by Europeans

As the law stands today both Indians and Natives, provided they possess the qualifications, are common members of a Provincial Council, and there are precedents in the fact that in Cape Malays and even a Native have sat in the Council and can do so today

For Europeans to represent the natives in the Natal Provincial Council would, therefore, necessitate an amendment to the Act of Union, a factor which would without question involve far reaching repercussions on the Cape members of Parliament.

In Parliament it is proposed that the Indians should be represented by three Europeans, one Transvaal and Natal to be divided into those electoral areas in the purpose.

Two Europeans will represent the Indians in the Senate, one nominated by the Government for his special knowledge of Indian affairs. This is also in terms of the South Africa Act.

Difficulties first arises when it was stated that the Transvaal would be exempted from the need to have Indians in the Provincial Council because there are only 10,000 Indians in that province, compared with more than 200,000 in Natal

A number of members are against the principle of Indians taking part on these legislative bodies. Others, particularly in Natal, object that if the Transvaal is exempted then it will be showing discrimination against Natal, particularly as the legislation carries the implication that Indians, with the approval of the Provincial councils, may also in future be represented on Town Councils

Transvaal members of the United Party met caucus for that if the principle is conceded in Natal, a precedent will be created from which there can be no turning back. In short words, they say, it will only be a matter of time before Indians in the Transvaal will have to be accorded the same privileges.

In assuming the question members of the United Party are deeply conscious that it affects not only Natal but has persons international repercussions in regard to which South Africa has long suffered abroad

Some Natal members, who are pressing for a reconsideration of the manner in which Indians should be elected on Natal, argue that the issue is not yet ripe for the nomination of Indian representatives on the Provincial Council.

The Opposition expressed itself strongly against any form of franchise, while those among little doubt that most members of the Dominion Party would be against Indians being in the Provincial Councils. They would, however probably concede the principle that the Indians are entitled in some votes in the Government of the country through European representatives on the same basis as Natives.

Councillor Petterson's Fear

THE possibility that Indians may automatically become municipal voters, even Town Councillors, unless the Natal Provincial Council which he alleges has been ignored by the Government—takes speedy action, is suggested by Councillor S. W. Petterson in a letter to the Administrator of Natal, Mr D. E. Mitchell

Called the "Indian Bill," Mr Petterson's letter says:

"While the Government has seen fit to discuss with deputations from political Parties, local authorities, ratepayers' associations and Indian Congresses certain principles apparently to be inspected in this Bill the Natal Provincial Council while primarily concerned, has been ignored all along the line.

"One would have thought to a contrary at this sort, and following the precedent established by the previous Administrator a private meeting of Council members should have been held when information given to other bodies and institutions could have been submitted to it. Apparently the Provincial Council is not regarded seriously in this matter All that this council has apparently to do is to register the decisions put before it and then adjourn

"From what one can gather from the Press, it seems to me that the new Bill to be laid before Parliament will include clauses enfilling Indians to be registered on Parliamentary and Provincial Council voters.

"If this is so, and the principle established in law, then unless the Provincial Council takes steps to amend Section 23 of Ordinance 21 of 1942 (the Local Government Ordinance) Indians in Municipal areas in this Province, who own property valued at £50 or over property of the gross annual value of £40, will

FOOD TALKS IN AMERICA

Washington, Tuesday

Food and talk of starvation in India and Europe occupied top place in early Washington newspaper today, and ambassadors and legations, as well as congressional committees buzzed with activity on various countries like South Africa India Ceylon and China, prepared their cases in support of their requests for wheat, rice and maize from the combined food board.

While Mr Harry Andrews, the Union Minister, and his helpers were talking with Britain food mission officials, preparing their plan of action for presenting their case to the food board, the United States Secretary of Agriculture Mr Clinton P Anderson, was telling members of the House of Representatives "The food situation has reached a point where it is impossible to prevent starvation everywhere and requires the shipping of available wheat maize and other grains where it can be used to save the most lives.

Mr Anderson said he hated to use a comparison but the manhood food board must now make a decision "like a lover of dogs with a litter of too many puppies to keep them all—in other words some must die. He also announced that China was suffering from a rice shortage and was in dire need of grain to prevent mass starvation.

An hour later Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, chief of the Indian food mission to the United States brought the Washington correspondents to them last in a moving address in which he painted a dark picture of India's suffering unless assistance was forthcoming immediately.

He said that a famine less fatal worse than the Bengal famine of 1943 would strike India unless the United States came to their aid with grain supplies.

An official of the food board informed Sapa that it was possible that South African would not receive her full amount of wheat asked for to meet her urgent demands of several other countries, especially India.

The world food situation has been sharply brought home to Americans by Mr Anderson who announced that a nations wide conference on a conservation programme to curb cumbersome would be held on Thursday.

The groups invited to this one day conference include representatives of restaurants drug stores, dining cars, and the food industry. A comprehensive programme will probably be worked out to meet wars wheat and other cereals, as fats and oils.

Mr Anderson will soon issue a national appeal to housewives to save all the food they can. The Government hopes to announce early next week a specific pattern of food consumption for individuals, families hotels and other eating places.

Asked in committee whether the Government was checking the stated food requirements of all the nations who were applying to the combined food board to determine whether any of them were extravagant Mr Anderson said that with world grain requirements 200,000,000 tons short he was satisfied that there was need for more food than they could import. "I think it may be possible to bring about some reduction of food requirements abroad Mr Anderson said that only last week was the government informed of the food situation in Japan when it was presented with a perfectly staggering request for wheat from Japan.

Under all these conditions it is likely the South African request will be cut down to some extent by the food board but the South African delegation states is to present the strongest possible case.—sapa-Reuter

SAPA-REUTER NEWS

Famine Declared In India

Bombay Monday

Fresh cotton wide riots—than times ever local—are being fomented Minor disturbances which have already been reported may be a forerunn A state of famine has already been declared in eleven districts. Five of these are in the Bombay area four in Mysore State and two in Madras province The food office was stormed today by a mob at Coonoor town in south India Police opened fire, wounding six Sacks of rice were stolen at another place. Strikes are still rife on in Jubbulpore and Bombay provinces although the city is back to normal mass the curfew was lifted on Sunday The military authorities are to have packed out the strike ringleaders to Jubbulpore, where there has been considerable disorder The military authorities have threatened to try them mass example to other strikers.

School Teachers On Strike

A new strike of 45,000 school teachers has started in Bombay province against their wages of twenty five shillings a month, which they demand to be doubled.

India In Wide Awake

London Tuesday

India must face the possibility of attack from Russia said the Labour Peer Lord Chorley at an India League meeting, at which he gave his first public report on India Lord Chorley recently visited India as a member of the British Parliamentary delegation. He later interrupted Lord Chorley frequently during his talk. Asked what he thought any country would threaten India, Lord Chorley said such shooting will if impossible that aggression may come from Soviet Russia. In his mind face up to the possibility The Indian people are quite alive to this danger I was pointed out to me on several occasions The name of Russia was once issued "the shroud which hangs dim" at a possible aggressor. Regarding India's political future Lord Chorley said the crucial stage is with us. India must be given freedom and responsible self government within a short time A giant a unit and if the states is not knocked in to him quickly there will be a murderous strife on on which the world will be dragged the whole future of India.

RIN To Be Fisherman

Poona Wednesday

Field-Marshal Lord Wavell the Viceroy inspected the General Sir Claud Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief, India that it might be possible for the Royal Indian Navy to assist with fishing in help India in food situation.

People Oppose Victory Celebrations

New Delhi Thursday

Crowds several thousand strong, today set fire to the town hall in Chandni Chowk, the business centre of the old city of Delhi in demonstrations against the victory week celebrations now going on here The trouble started when tramway workers and some municipal workers struck work and set fire to a tramway car. Ultimate then, a telephone post and a police van and stoned cars. Later students and mill workers fired the customs post near Delhi railway station, completely gutting and an electric sub-station The police made a baton charge to disperse the crowd which were said to be getting out of control Congress party men were trying to persuade them to disperse peacefully

Britain Wants Loan From Canada

Ottawa Wednesday

The loan discussions between Britain and Canada are nearing completion and a statement is expected shortly This assumption is based on the fact that the Canadian Finance Minister Mr J L Ilsley and others are leaving for Savannah Georgia to attend the meetings of the Bretton Woods organisations. The loan talks have been going on since February 11 Sir Wilfred Eady head of the British Loan Delegation is expected to return to Britain on the conclusion of the talks. No indication has been given of the amount Britain wants from Canada, or the probable terms

East Africa's Need For India Appeal

Nairobi Thursday

The East African Indian Congress has decided to launch a Food for India appeal through out East Africa

[Will South Africa Indians follow suit—Ed I O

Disturbances Among Muslims

Cawnpore Monday

Two persons are reported to have been killed in disturbances at Cawnpore arising out of clashes between the supporters of the rival candidates for the United Provinces Assembly Trouble were rolled out and a curfew has been announced

Allahabad Tuesday

Fifteen persons were injured in a clash at Allahabad between Nationalist Moslems supporting the Indian National Congress and Moslems belonging to the Moslem League. Hlinis—unarmed knives were used. The police who were rolled out to restore order managed the area.

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MR. MANILAL GANDHI'S STATEMENT ON BILL

ceiving on the Bill by the South African ... Mr Manilal Gandhi ... recent says:—

"Indian situation in ... Africa has once ... the grave. General ... manuts has on ... another piece of legis- ... I called it to pass, ... had as the historic ... bill. That Bill ... for South Africa's ... and for the Indian ... was shelved and ... Round Table Con- ... ence the Governments ... of South Africa ... called, which re- ... Capetown Agree- ...

The main pro- ... ing that Agreement ... it would not agree ... ity of statutory ... and that the Union ... while assuring ... who desired to ... to do so would ... portunity to those ... remain in part of ... and to adopt the ... kind of living in ... proposed new ... ndians once again ... transitory segre- ... seeks to deprive ... moral of the co- ... is now and ... which they have ... It is proposed ... ians, as a step to ... to swallow this ... humiliation and ... worthless fran- ... ising from three glaring drawbacks (a) High qualification (b) a separate roll, and (c) the Indians may vote but not stand for election and will therefore be represented by a limited number of Europeans. At the moment, in Natal the Indians have been deprived of Municipal as well as Parliamentary franchise. The latter was taken away from them as early as 1896 and the former comparatively recently There are, however still a large number of Indians on the Municipal roll—common roll, together with Europeans—who were on it before the right of franchise was withdrawn and who still exercise their votes during Municipal elections. In the Transvaal they have never enjoyed any franchise rights whether Municipal or Parliamentary In the Cape they are enjoying both, and in so far as Municipal franchise is concerned they can elect a member of their own community The present proposal deprives the Indians in the states of the Empire—the native population of the Union which numbers eight millions—who have three European members in the Legislature to represent them. Theoretically the offer adds insult to injury The proposed new legislation is not compulsory to our own national self respect but the effect of it will be to economically strangle the Indians in South Africa who are barely two and half per cent. of the total population in that vast sub continent.

Reuter's account of the discussion held between a deputation of Indians and General Smuts indicates no substantial change in the situation. The General's reply, to say the least, is most disappointing The Union Prime Minister's statement that provisions in the proposed new Bill will be made "for setting aside free areas where Indians could buy and occupy property which would thus not bring any ordinary of segregation upon the Indian community in pure camouflage. You do not change the character of segregation merely by giving it a different name. Subject to any further report of the General's reply to the deputation which only yet he received, I have no hesitation in saying that he has totally failed to answer or meet the Indian case. His opposition to the idea of a Round Table Conference of representatives of the two Governments in most extraordinary and cannot convince anybody He appears to see that himself, and I do hope that he will modify his attitude without much further delay

What is our remedy? It is gratifying to note that at least on the question of the treatment of Indians in South Africa India speaks with one voice. In the recent debate in the Indian Legislative Assembly the Congress Party the League Party and the European members seemed to vie with one another to denouncing the attitude of the Union Government The

either by new stability of the element of a party for the sake of India. What is needed at the moment, therefore is that it should be made clear beyond — I do not doubt by the people as well as the Government of India that the policy behind the proposed Asiatic Land Tenure Legislation will not be tolerated. The pressure which the Dominion Party and the Nationalist Party are seeking to exercise on the Smuts Government has to be examined by heavier pressure from this country. The whole of India must resound with the cry that she is determined to repel this attack on her colonial honour. The time has come when His Excellency the Viceroy Lord Wavell should rise to the height of his predecessor Lord Hardinge and condemn in the strongest terms possible the policy of the South African Whites and bring home to them the repercussions it must ultimately cause on world peace.

Indians in South Africa have throughout met with remarkable resourcefulness the difficulties and humiliations constantly imposed upon them. They have shown talent enough to exploit loopholes in legislation framed against them. They have striven hard both for their welfare and their honour. Put the mirror of honourable existence is only required by sacrifice. We have made sacrifices a-plenty, but there is no doubt that the Indian community in South Africa must prepare for even greater sacrifices in the future if the constant menace to their very existence them as in he removed. I hope that the problem will be dealt with now once in all on a sound basis. That can only be done by the Indians of the Union on the one hand getting ready to put up a fight for their rights and for the Government and the people of India on the other making a major issue of the Indian problem in South Africa

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IN a statement in the House of Commons today on the forthcoming British Cabinet mission to India, the Prime Minister, Mr Attlee, said that there was complete agreement on the fact that India was today in a state of great tension.

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"The fate of nationalism is running very fast in India, and, indeed all over Asia. Let us all realise that whatever its difficulties and divisions may be, there is this underlying demand among all Indian people. It is our intention that the mission should be given as free a hand as possible.

India had been, within the last 25 years, fought against tyranny. Was it any wonder, asked the Prime Minister, that today she claimed freedom to decide her own destiny?

'My colleagues are going to India with the intention of using their utmost endeavour to help her attain that freedom as speedily and as fully as possible.'

The form of Government which was to replace the present one in India was a matter for India to decide. The British desire was to help her set up forthwith the machinery for making the decision India herself, must choose as to what will be her position in the world.

I hope the Indian people may elect to remain within the British Commonwealth. I see certain she will find great advantages in doing so. No great nation can stand alone today.

Unsolicited for independence, in our view she has the right to draw. It will be for us to make the transition as fast and easy as possible."

Reuter learns that the British Cabinet Commission will leave by air on Tuesday and is due to arrive in India on the following Saturday.—Sapa Reuter

Mr Attlee And India

"Wait and see" is the general reaction in Bengal regarding Mr Attlee's speech in the House of Commons on India.

That is not discouraging, says the London correspondent of the *Natal Mercury*, when it is acknowledged that it is not politics for any Party in India to admit that it bends on British promises. There is no doubt that Mr Attlee's statement has caused the most favourable impression in the circumstances and Congress and Hindu news papers splash leader articles and statements welcoming it.

But the final tone" says the *Amrita Bazoon Patrika* Calcutta's leading Congress paper, the principal Minister of the Crown has made a definite and clear declaration on behalf of the British Government that there is nothing that will be allowed to stand in the way of India attaining complete independence.

Mr Attlee is to be congratulated on the emphatic and unhesitating manner in which he has stated that his Government cannot allow a minority to place their veto on the advance of the majority.

The paper goes on to warn that there is many a slip twixt the cup and the lip.

The *Hindustan Standard* a rabid Hindu daily which has always made political capital of anti British news, says Mr Attlee's statement has created a "favourable atmosphere for negotiations and with the right spirit on both sides there is no reason to be pessimistic about the prospects for peace—though, at the same time we need not patch hopes too high."

Congress Committee And British Delegation

Bombay Friday

The working committee of the Indian National Congress party today appointed a special committee to negotiate with the British Cabinet mission which is shortly to visit India. The committee consists of Dr Maulana Kalam Azad, president of Congress, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, a former Congress president, and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Mahatma Gandhi's right hand man. The British mission will arrive in India on March 24

Sapru On Attlee's Statement

Allahabad Monday

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, India's liberal statesman, welcomed today Mr Attlee's speech on Friday on India as the most satisfactory statement yet made by any Prime Minister on the Indian question. I have no doubt it will compel the majority and minorities to review their attitude. So far as the theory of India's freedom or independence is concerned the speech is unexceptionable he said adding that the British Cabinet mission deserved to have the fullest co-operation of every section of Indians.

Mr Jinnah Attacks Gandhiji

Mr Mahomed Ali Jinnah, the president of the All India Moslem League today accused Mahatma Gandhi and the All India Congress party of spoiling the atmosphere for the British Cabinet mission in discuss the future of India. Congress is threatening, that in the provinces where the Moslems are in the majority, they will prevent the Moslem League from forming ministries by all means, while in the provinces where they can form ministries without difficulty by virtue of their numbers they are threatening to play the devil with the Moslems and the Moslem League, he added. Mr. Jinnah accused Congress of trying to assume for its Britain Government in a way all its demands for Congress domination of India. He said that Congress was trying to get rid the contract of Pakistan (a Moslem State in a partitioned India) and threats of large-scale violence and the strike of Hindu labour trade. What Congress wants is for an all-India federal constitution to be formed by the common assembly, which is overwhelming Congress majority, and the immediate formation of an interim national government at the centre. Mahatma Gandhi has taken up the same position—only he puts on a gloss of non violence knowing full that nobody believes in it, nor for that matter does he himself since he is violence, Mr Jinnah added. He spoke of the possibility of a civil war "with which we are Viceroy Lord Wavell should rise to Vallabhai Patel the Congress Party leader) has been threatening us. He said that a civil war might cause if India is not Moslems were driven to partition. There is no logical basis national Congress drops its policy and meets the Moslem League on equal terms with an honest desire for the peaceful settlement by negotiations, Mr Jinnah concluded.

Aga Khan On British Cabinet Mission

Karachi, Thursday

The Aga Khan said today, on the eve of his departure from India for Britain, that he regretted on means he'd been found to offer a united front when the British Cabinet Mission, headed by Lord Pethick Lawrence, Secretary of State for India, visited India this month. "I am extremely sorry that a modus operandi has not been found on a direct method of agreement between the Moslem League which represents 90 per cent Moslem opinion and Congress which represents 90 per cent of Hindu opinion. My last hope that the Moslems and Hindu Congress will come to the Referring to Pakistan—a Moslem demand for a separate Moslem state—he Aga Kh said: "Even than it would be difficult for them were an interim settlement between the Hindu zone and Moslem provinces. Ultimately there will have to be some kind of alliance that will help not only India but Southern Asia safe from foreign aggression.—Sapa Reuter

ASIATIC BILL INTRODUCED BY PRIME MINISTER

THE Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill, 1946 and the White Paper on it, were laid on the Table in the House of Assembly by the Prime Minister, General J. C. Smuts, on Friday last.

The Bill imposes permanent restrictions on the acquisition and occupation of fixed property in Natal and the Transvaal, and makes special provision for the representation of Indians in Parliament and the Natal Provincial Council.

The second reading was set down for March 25.

The White Paper includes maps showing the areas in Natal in which Europeans, Indians, Coloureds and Natives will be free to buy and sell property and live as they wish The remainder of Natal will be controlled and no person other than a European will be allowed to buy sell or occupy fixed property in the area except by permit.

The land tenure provisions are applicable to Asiatics generally, but the franchise provisions are applicable to Indians only, an Indian being defined as "any member of a race or tribe whose national home is in India or Ceylon."

Indians in Natal and the Transvaal will be represented by two European Senators, by three European members in the House of Assembly, and in the Provincial Council of Natal by two members, who may be Europeans or Indians.

An eligible candidate for the Natal Provincial Council will be "any person who is qualified to vote for the election of a member of the Provincial Council of Natal (under the provisions of this Act or otherwise). This means that Indians or Europeans may be elected to the Natal Provincial Council or Indian representatives

Parliamentary and Provincial Council representatives of Indians will be elected for a five-year period and will not be affected by any dissolution of Parliament or the Provincial Council in a general election or in the case under the representation of Natives Act.

A list of Indians entitled to vote will be prepared as soon as possible.

Only Indians under will be eligible for the vote. They will have to be Union Nationals of 21 years of age or over

They will have to have a Standard VI Certificate or its equivalent, have an income of not less than £120 a year or own property within the electoral division of not less than £300 book free.

Senators, Members of Parliament and Provincial Councillors will hold office for five years. Proclamations will be issued not later than six months after the passing of the Bill fixing nominations and polling dates.

Anti Asiatic clamp fall away in the unsolicited room which may themselves be added to subject to certain conditions. The acquisition of property by companies is subject to strict control

An Advisory Board of five members will be appointed (of whom two may be Asiatics) to deal with any matter relating to the acquisition or occupation of land by Asiatics which the Minister may refer to it.

Inspectors will be appointed with wide powers including the right to enter premises at any time and to raise fines monies ing quoting contravention of the Act. Heavy penalties are imposed for contraventions.

The following are measures which were adopted by Parliament in 1939 and 1943—namely

(1) The Asiatics (Transvaal Land and Trading) Act (No 28) of 1939 and

(2) The Trading and Occupation of Land (Transvaal and Natal Restriction Act (No. 28) of 1943, the so-called Pegging Act.

In my great, these Acts would by virtue of Section 10 of Act No 35 of 1946, expire on 31st March 1946 unless the Houses of Parliament by resolution extended them

There is no time limit set on the validity of the provision of this new measure it will control permanently the acquisition and occupation of land in the Transvaal and Natal.

The provisions of the Acts in regards to be further they relate to trading licences, are not being re-enacted and consequently fall away entirely.

The opportunity is being taken to introduce amendments to the laws prior to the 1939 Act, and thereby to give effect to recommendations made by commissions which have inquired into the matters in question. These are more fully detailed hereafter

The Bill has two field purpose. It imposes restrictions with regard to the acquisition and occupation of fixed property in the two provinces mentioned and it thus goes on to make special provision for the representation in Parliament of Indians in the said provinces and for the representation of Indians in the Provincial Council of Natal.

Act No. 35 of 1943—the "Pegging" Act—which first imposed restrictions in Natal dealt only with transactions between Europeans and Asiatics. It did not, for example forbid a Coloured person to sell fixed property to an Asiatic or vice versa in order to retain the control more effective it is now proposed to regulate dealings in fixed property between persons who are not Asiatics and Asiatics.

The acquisition of land in the Transvaal by Asiatics is governed by Law No 3 of 1885 Section 1(8) (d) of the Transvaal Ordinance No. 35 of 1905 and Section 131 (1) (c) of the Gold Law (Act No. 35 of 1908) in terms of which Asiatics may acquire fixed property only in certain areas assigned by resolution of both Houses of Parliament, not apart by a provincial council for occupation by Asiatics, and in areas which have by such a resolution been absolutely and permanently exempted from the restrictions against occupation by Coloured persons contained in the Gold Law

As regards the Transvaal therefore the relative provisions in Clause 6 deals only with occupation in so in as there is not already regulated by the Gold Law

The Bill provides that no person who is not an Asiatic shall cannot under the authority of a permit, enter into any agreement with an Asiatic in terms of which any party to the agreement acquires or purports to acquire any fixed property in the Province of Natal and an Asiatic shall, except under authority, enter into such agreement with a person who is not an Asiatic

Any reference to a person who is not an Asiatic or to an Asiatic includes a reference to any person acting on behalf or in the interest of the such first person or an Asiatic, as case may be.

Any agreement entered into in contravention of this shall be null and void.

This provision shall be deemed to have come into operation from January 31, 1946

No foreign company and no company in which a foreign company holds a controlling interest shall hold any fixed property in Natal acquired by it in pursuance of any agreement entered into on or after January 21 1946 other than property in the area area, unless it has a place of business in the Union.

If any company which is not registered to be an Asiatic company becomes an Asiatic company that company shall not hold any fixed property in the province other than property in the open areas or property acquired by it while it was an Asiatic company

No person shall hold on behalf of in the interest of any company any fixed property in the areas unless which the company has not lawfully held

(To be continued)

Uncontrolled Areas In Old Borough

IN the Old Borough there are two big uncontrolled areas still free small ones.

One big area starts at Commercial Road and contains most of the property on the Umgeni Road side of Grey Street and encompasses as far as Kent Road. Strangely the Indian Roman Catholic Cathedral of the Sacred Centenary Road and Dartmouth Crescent lie outside the unemployed area The land is now owned by Indians at present

The other big area starts on the Berea side of Centenary Road, and includes Sastri College the Indian Sports Ground at Carrie Furnish the Marshall Road School and the Hilson Road Girls School

The two uncontrolled areas in the Old Borough are

1 A block bounded by Dublin Hunt Blake Road Melbourne Road and Dalton Road.

2 A block bounded by Sydenham Road Gowry Road Avon dale Road on the unnamed lane off Gowry Road

3. A block bounded by the Umgeni boundary Commercial Road Brick hill Road Argyle Road and Milburn Drain This includes the Technical College Sports Ground and a large vacant plot between the sports ground and Argyle Road which the Durban Corporation has promised to the Indians as a sports ground.

4. A fairly large Indian Park bounded by Umgeni Road Adrain Road, Stamford Hill Road and Croydon Road.

5 A narrow strip on the Berea side of Umgeni Road between Mieze Road in a point opposite Queen's Bridge.

Zoutpansberg Indian Congress

The annual general meeting of the above Congress will be held at the Congress Hall on 24th March 1946 at 8 p.m. All the members are cordially invited to attend

Agenda—1 Election of Officials, 2. General

K. U. MAHTE A. V. ELIAS. Secretaries Z. I. Congress.

DELEGATIONS ACTIVITIES

Bombay Sunday

Many Indian political leaders have the impression which the Aga Khan had to the Viceroy To-day. Hon. Srinivasa Sastri, Hon. Indian Agent General in South Africa who, owing to ill health did not appear with the Deputation sent a message which ing it made

Memorandum Submitted To Viceroy

New Delhi Tuesday

Led by the Aga Khan the South African delegation presented a memorandum to the Viceroy Lord Wavell today which said there are very many historical precedents that when members of a race have gone and settled in another country and been subjected to unfair treatment the mother country has supported them even to the extent of going to war

The conference to which was read by the Aga Khan continued I should mention early two cases, the causes that led to the Crimean War and the Indian war with Austria in 1915

General Smuts is not merely the Prime Minister of South Africa but one of the greatest international champions and creators of the principles of replacing wars by free discussion of differences and settlement by constitutional methods.

We are appealing to the Field Marshal who is one of the world famous creators of the League of Nations original constitutions and of U.N.O. in security charter that is to bring peace to the world to be true to his principle.

The memorandum added "So long as Indians have no real franchise limiting them to communal or direct representation no full basis or real test for such Franchise we will see that they have failing in making the application of the law. It is impossible for the government of 8 people of India in name than in their own No other country was worked its hands in this fashion of its own dream.

What are we now asking for? Not for vague general rights or liberties. We are asking for a definite green date of settlement in keeping with the limits advocated by many more ably or consistently than Field Marshal Smuts. We are appealing in Your Excellency on the highest representation of India to bring about immediately before the fate of our people is decided, a round table conference between the two Governments on has been held twice before.

We all hope and believe that such a peaceable and peaceful solution can be found if Your Excellency and your Government give it your full and wholehearted support. Should this fail the only course which India honour and interest demand is the immediate severance of diplomatic and commercial relations with South Africa.

Mrs. Naidu Supports S.A. Indians' Cause

New Delhi Wednesday

Mrs. Sroijni Naidu, who has twice visited South Africa and has a knowledge of conditions there said the success of the failure of the Government of India in general Indian nationals in South Africa is a measure of utter weakness to frame the problems which is of vital importance not only to South Africa but the whole Indian nation.

The problems namely to seek a unanimous pious of legislation, (the proposed Land Tenure and Representation Bill which reduces the Indian population to a level almost below that of the Negro population is to condemn in an intolerable insult in the house of India herself.

Mrs. Naidu added Unless the round table conference suggested between the Government of India and the Government of South Africa is soon brought about the consequences might be more serious than the Government of India is able to realise.

The people of India will call on them to quickly as the Government of India seems to do this insult to India's position The section of her own nationals in South Africa by virtue of the work done by their forefathers in establishing prosperity especially in Natal for the white population, as also to their own right, can not much as integral part of the South African nation as General Smuts, who is violating his own convictions and pledges and is now planning a great betrayal of human rights

Mrs. Naidu was in the deputation which met the Viceroy yesterday

Lord Wavell On South Africa

Bombay, Saturday

Lord Wavell the Viceroy of India, has discussed with General Smuts the problem of Indians in South Africa, several times during the last few months it was learned at a Press conference given by the South African Indian Congress Mission, here today

Giving details of the deputation led by the Aga Khan to the Viceroy, Sorabjee Rustomjee said that Lord Wavell had assured the deputation that he would watch all developments carefully and would take such action as the Raj legislature necessary He said that restraint had to be exercised at this stage and the whole question had to be reviewed at the expiry of the three months action period.

In the meantime, the Viceroy felt that before further action could be taken the Indian High Commissioner should remain at his post to advise the Raj of further developments

DELEGATION ON SANCTIONS

COMMENTING on the Indian Government's decision to break off trade relations with South Africa, the leader of the South African Indian delegation, Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee said "Though it is good that within 24 hours of the delegation's arrival at New Delhi the Government has taken action against South Africa the delegation is not entirely satisfied We want the withdrawal of the High Commissioner. The Government must of necessity accede to the demand of 400,000,000 people. Otherwise South African Indians will chum the High Commissioner out of South Africa it will come to that

Mr. Rustomjee added To my mind the Government is not speaking in a strong enough way The Viceroy told us this afternoon that the withdrawal of the High Commissioner would be considered later I entirely differ from that point of view

Our demand backed up by the 400 000 000 of India is that the High Commissioner's office be withdrawn immediately on the passing of the new legislation

The deputation has hoped upon India by the Union Government on passing the legislation within the Government of India is supposed to be watching our requirements has passed the limit of toleration. Our fight is not for ourselves in South Africa. As human beings we can live and die in any place. Our fight is for the honour of the Indian nation and if we are to be treated as dogs in South Africa and if we have not that spirit which Mahatma Gandhi showed us, then let us die as dogs but let us India be a party to it.

Mr. Rustomjee declared that every High Commissioner, when legislation like this was passed and when he saw the intolerable conditions of Indians, said it would be a good thing if the office were closed.

Indian merchants said Mr. Rustomjee, will not lose any thing in particular by the stoppage of trade between the two countries. Perhaps the loser will be the sugar industry—the white capitalist of the poor labourer in the sugar industry—because he wants gunny bags from Calcutta

Things may not go direct to South Africa from India but may, for instance, go to Portuguese East Africa and be secretly exported from there to South Africa Unless there is a spirit of an "eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth and unless the sanctions are applied honestly and vigorously there is no use in talking of economic sanctions.

Replying to a question, Mr. Rustomjee said "It is not because we want to let South Africa that we are asking for an international of economic sanctions By enforcing sanctions and withdrawing the High Commissioner you hit at the whole struggle loses an inter governmental plane to an international plane Short of war, economic sanctions are the only best instrument to use.

He was reluctant to discuss the future plans of South African Indians. He was anxious to avoid giving the Union Government an opportunity of saying that the Indians were holding up things. "Even now or even a little after the Bill is read, there is just the possibility of a round table conference, he said.

Mr. Rustomjee announced that the delegation would go to Bombay the next day to meet Mahatma Gandhi and Congress. Mr. Jinnah had assured the delegation that the Muslim League, although not on the deputation which saw the Viceroy, would assist them to the best of their ability

Mr. S. R. Naidoo, one of the delegation and a member of the Durban Corporation attributed the trouble in South Africa to the European mental attitude—that the Indian, having been brought up on a inherent must always remain one Any educational advances by him was abhorrent to the European he added

Mr. S. R. Naidoo said that once the proposed Bill becomes law, it would be extremely difficult if not impossible to have it repealed and then the fate of South African Indians would be sealed

Mr. A. M. Kajee said that if India supplies of jute, rice, textiles, and oilseeds were stopped the economic conditions of South Africa would be affected to a great extent, although the action period would remove much at its sting. It would also adversely affect South African Indians to a certain extent, but they were prepared for sacrifices.

CONGRESS WORKING COMMITTEE RECEIVES S.A.I.C. DELEGATION

Bombay Friday

THE Working Committee of the Congress consisting of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr Pattabhi Sitaramayya, Asaf Ali, Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant, Babu Rajendra Prasad, Dr Profulla Ghosh, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Mrs Krishna, Methel Shankar Rao Deo, Sarojini Naidoo with Acharya Kripalani General Secretary received a deputation of the South African delegation now in India, which presented a memorandum on the position of the Indians in South Africa and the effects of the proposed legislation and the implications would have on the Indian community

The Working Committee assured the deputation that Congress would do its utmost to support their cause and would be guided by the advice of Mahatma Gandhi

Congress Committee put several questions to the deputation on the subject of applications of economic sanctions and its effect on India and South Africa which were answered The deputation was asked the object of delegation going to England and America It was pointed out that Dr Khary, Commonwealth Relations Member is already consulting instructing Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar to raise questions before UNO The deputation stated that it had implicit confidence that Congress Committee would do justice to South African cause and assist in securing fulfilment of their demands. Congress Committee, it is learnt, after consultation with Mahatma Gandhi consider form of resolution to be adopted Mahatma Gandhi was present throughout the discussions.

Natanal Indian Congress Speaks Out On South African Indian Question

Bombay Saturday

The Congress Working Committee, in a 500 word resolution, said "the Committee is of the opinion that the disabilities of Indian settlers in South African constitute a blot on humanity and a slur on the civilisation of the west The disabilities are an unbroken tale of progressive persecution against Asiatics defined on any tark and any member of a race or tribe whose national home is in Asia but which does not include any member of the Jewish or Syrian race, or person belonging to the class known as Cape Malay and of broken promises and discrimination.

"A civilisation which requires the protection of a series of legal enactments imposing political and economic restrictions on

"Seeds Of War"

IN an article on the Union's Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill, in next Sunday's issue of his weekly paper *Harijan* an advance copy of which was issued in the Press on Wednesday Mahatma Gandhi declares that the course of events has raised the question in South Africa of the White man's policy in the highest level Unless it holds the seeds of a world con



The Bill he says, although superficially affecting only Indians in Natal and the Transvaal, is, in its true effect, a challenge to Asia and by implication to the Negro race.

"India, weak physically and materially but strong ethically and numerically has proclaimed from the housetops that her independence would be a travesty unless Mahatma Gandhi As Indian nation would be a help in all noble efforts through out the world and a promise of relief to India's exploited people. Therefore India regards the contemplated measure in the Union of South Africa as an insult and challenge."

Referring to General Smuts, Mahatma Gandhi says General Smuts is a great soldier and statesman Will he not perceive that he will be taking the White men in South Africa down the precipice if he persists in the policy underlying his measure. Let him take stunned with the Allies to whose victory as the battlefield he contributed not a little. He will surely throw away the fruits if he persists in his plan for protecting his western civilisation by artificial means."

Coloured and Asiatic peoples must sustain the seeds of future wars and its own destruction The committee is of the opinion that the contemplated breach of trade relations between India and union of South Africa in the military stop the Government of India could have taken.

"The Committee would rob the pure racist hatherith to withdraw their High Commissioner if the Union Government could not suspend the proposed legislation pending the convening of a round-table conference between the two governments to consider the whole policy of the Union Government against the non-white people of the earth. The Committee is painfully surprised to find General Smuts dismissing on the untenable plea of regarding the proposed anti-Asiatic Bill as a domestic affair the right of the Indian Government and other allied powers, of friendly intervention

The Committee holds that at this time it is not open to any state however powerful it may be to refuse to listen to the public opinion of the world, as voiced through its different states, with reference to any legislation regarded by them as of an inhuman character, or as amounting to a slur on the self respect of the races composing such a state The committee venture to advise the victorious allies to take notice of the contemplated action of the Government of South Africa so as much as the war would have been fought in vain if the prevalence now by the Union Government in the law minister against the Asiatic race and coloured people inhabiting the sub-continent is maintained

"To the Indian deputation from South African the Committee would say that while they the Committee, and the whole of India, irrespective of parties or communities, are with them in their just struggle and would lend them all the moral weight they can, they should realise the brunt of the unequal struggle will have to be borne by them

"The Committee would however hope even at the eleventh hour that in place of the indefensible law of the jungle, revealed by the contemplated legislation, the Union of South African and its white settlers would listen to reason.

—Saga Reuter

AMERICAN VIEW

END OF INDIA'S TRADE WITH S A

Washington, Tuesday

United States government officials were non-committal today about the news that the Government of India proposed breaking off trade relations with South Africa A state department spokesman said "we have not been informed yet. We have no comment "No comment" was also the line adopted by the Indian Legation, while the South African Legation said "there is nothing we can say for publication"

Members of the Indian food mission headed by Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar were not available for comment The news however, came as a complete surprise to most people in Washington and a number of newspaper correspondents and officials with whom Sapa-Reuter correspondent spoke wanted to know why trade relations should be broken suddenly at this stage. One prominent newspaperman said "how long has the thing been brewing? What is it all about?"

New York Wednesday

The New York *Times* Now Delhi correspondent today wired a long story on the Indo South African situation which the paper headed "India plans break with South Africa." The correspondent said that action taken against South Africa is an expression rising out of the resentment in which all parties and classes are joined. His interview ed Sir Homi Mody, a former member of the Viceroy's Executive Council and quoted him as saying "What kind of an Empire is it that is unable to prevent this kind of discrimination among its own people To-morrow it may become an international issue fraught with unpleasant consequences. A free India will flinch from nothing to assert the rights and honour of her nationals in other parts of the world

Latin Notes Taken in Britain

London, Tuesday

Apart from a few enquiries at South Africa House about the possible effects of the trade break between India and South Africa little notice is being taken by the public and the Press of Britain of India's three months notice to the Union Government to end trade relations with South Africa

It is said that the biggest economic sufferer may be the South African treasury which, by special arrangement had been benefiting to some extent from the deflated Indian price of gold, which is at present twice as high as the fixed British and American price at which South Africa sells the rest of her gold output.

Whether India could replace this South African gold from the United States would depend on whether she can earn—or get from Britain—the dollars with which to buy it

Mohammed Abbas Ali's position in the London branch of the All India Muslim League said that but the people of India —Hindus and Muslims—have learned the Government in take steps against the fascist treachery with South African Indians there. The break up of trade relations is a lesson to them that the cannot be folderiment It is not an act of revenge.

The main import item from India as in China are cotton piece goods with Indian khaki drill fairly high on the list But even here the position is not serious, as it is understood that the War Stores Disposal Board has large stocks of khaki drill on hand, and this will no doubt be made available to civilian suppliers

A prominent European in tailor declared that there has been a big dropping off in textile shipments to European importers from India during the last year Some of the bigger European importers felt that this dropping off probably had a political background.

On the whole these sanctions would bother us very much," he said

During 1944—a year when the British and American manufacturers were hard pressed to supply them even minimal requirements, and South Africa had to make their boss other countries—the Union bought 34,193 596 cotton piece goods, from India, to a total value of £1,799,674 But now that other markets are open, this figure has probably been sharply reduced.

In any case, other countries, even if they be South American countries, can make good the loss of the cotton piece goods trade with India

One of the largest exports from India before the war was tea. In 1941 the Union imported 89,352,958lb of tea at a total value of £3,663,749 Since then, however, the importation of rice from India has fallen almost completely away. The small stocks being received in the Union are coming from the Australian and Brazil

Indian merchants in Durban view the trade ban with mixed feelings. They will suffer more than any other section of the commercial community as a result of the stoppage of imports from India

Mr F R Pather, a former secretary of the Natal Indian Congress, said that the severance of trade relations by India with South Africa is the first step to show that India is not going to take it lying down

"South African Indians are dependent upon India for their rice and mices. Our people in South Africa will be seriously affected, but we are prepared to undergo any suffering rather than submit to indignities.

"South Africa sold mainly the whole of her supply of wattle bark to India. This source will now be closed

DURBAN MERCHANTS VIEW OF TRADE SANCTIONS

The chairman of opinion from a Durban businessman on India's decision to immediately sever all trade relations with South Africa is that although the application of economic sanctions by India to South Africa will undoubtedly hit both commerce and industry to a certain extent, the position will not be so serious as it would have been two years ago. World trade is rapidly becoming free and South Africa can today obtain in markets which were closed during the war years.

Perhaps the most serious aspect of the embargo will be the cutting of jute and hessian, and in 1944 alone South African mines South Africa exported 58,984 314 bags at a total cost of £2,864 673.

When the news of the ban was first received it was feared that it might seriously affect the coming grain and maize crops, but events have shown that the prospects are not so gloomy as might be expected

The owner of South Africa's large bag making, twine and cordage factory states that all buying of jute and hessian goods has been in the hands of the controller for many years.

"As far as we know, shipments are well forwarded with very substantial stocks in hand," he said. "I think there are enough grain bags in this country to cover the coming maize season. As for the sugar industry there are available enough bags to cover approximately 50 per cent. of their needs for the coming season, and they should have ample time now to make other arrangements.

"South Africa takes, roughly, 10 per cent of India's jute exports and India, therefore, cannot afford permanently to lose this market But this ban should serve as a warning to South Africa to become independent of India as far as jute is concerned and grow its manufacture a substitute fibre such as cotton hemp, which would be an economical competitor in the future

"I prefer to postpone comment on other aspects until the position is clarified, particularly about the fate of contracts already entered into But one thing is important Germany had no jute for five years, but managed to have despatches without it. If she could solve her packing difficulties, so can we

European relations in Durban are not unduly dependent about the position, particularly in view of the rapid improvement in the import position from Britain, Canada and the United States in recent months.

WHEN PEGGING ACT LAPSES

The *Leader* (Allahabad) writes as follows

In his speech from the throne at the opening of the South African Parliament, the Governor General said that it was proposed to introduce legislation dealing on a broad basis with Asiatic affairs, in view of the fact that the Pegging Act would lapse on March 31. The Pegging Act was a repulsive measure which should die unmourned. Its object being the segregation of Indians, it is not even defensible than the Nazi rules in the segregation of Jews. Segregation entails not merely the degradation, but also the economic ruin of Indians. It violates not merely the Cape Town Agreement of 1926 under which the Union Government undertook to uplift every section of the population to the full extent of their capacity and opportunities, but also the United Nations Charter which is intended to promote and encourage respect for human rights and for fundamental freedom for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion. Such a measure should never have been enacted. At any rate since it is lapsing the Government should abstain from making a supplementary measure

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COLOUR BARS ADVOCATED

AFTER electing Dr. G. S. Jansen (formerly Speaker of the House of Assembly) leader of the Nationalist Party in Natal the 37th congress of the Party in Maritzburg passed a resolution that the following should be taken to base social contacts and residential segregation of all colour groups in the Union.

This was considered necessary as social mixing was dangerous in the character of the people.

The opinion was expressed that the South African Indian Congress by its official approaches to Ceylon, India, America, Russia and U.N.O. had forfeited its claims to South African nationality.

It was also resolved that Indians should not be allowed the vote as this would promote further agitation, thereby endangering the rights of the European South African's rule in international affairs would be hampered and a serious position would be created for future statesmen.

The Congress called the Government to abolish all Emergency Regulations and all controlling.

The proposal to give to Native representatives in Parliament, the Senate and the Natal Provincial Council in the Chair and of the wedge. It is impossible to say how deep this wedge will be driven until Dr. Jansen while speaking at a meeting organised by the Natal Nationalist Party in the Maritzburg City Hall.

Dr. Jansen said that the more fact that the Indians had sent a delegation to India where they had been regarded as Indian nationals was sufficient to deter the Government in South Africa from granting them any kind of franchise in South Africa.

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Natal Indians Oppose New Bill

The Executive Committee of the Natal Indian Congress has resolved to launch a campaign of passive resistance with an organised violation of unjust and racially discriminatory laws. This was announced by Mr. M. D. Naidoo, joint secretary of the Natal Indian Congress.

Transvaal Indians Move

Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, President of the Transvaal Indian Congress said in Johannesburg that if the Union Government persists in its intention with the proposed Ghetto Bill the Indian people will have no alternative but to launch a peaceful resistance campaign for which they are preparing.

Indians Petition Assembly

Mr. A. I. Kajee is organising a petition the House of Assembly to send the Asiatic Land Tenure Bill to a select committee or alternately to permit the South African Indian Congress to appear at the bar of the House.

A petition by the South African Indian Congress to be heard before the Bar at the House against their objections to the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill will be presented in the House of Assembly next week. The petition will be presented by Mr. Y. M. L. Pellinger (Native representative Cape East area.) If the petition is accepted Mr. A. I. Kajee will probably be spokesman. The debate on the second reading of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill has been set down for Monday.

Mr. Burns And Zoning

The Deputy Mayor Mr. A. L. Burns said that although he had not yet closely studied the plans of the concentrated areas he thought there was a likelihood that some people would object to the zones.

Nationalists Oppose Bill

Transvaal and Free State nationalists of the Volksraad Party in the Union Parliament are bitterly opposed to the Bill which is one of the Cape Nationalists for the granting of representation Indians. The Government of India's action seems to be hardened opinion and the Bill will have supporters in the opposition parties.

Pandit Nehru In Singapore

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru the former President of the Indian National Congress, arrived in Singapore on Monday 18th on the guest of Azad Hind Indian Pandit Nehru whose visit is sponsored by Free Voice Lord Wavell will receive on this conditional is that [illegible] Malaya.

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General Smuts—Whither Thou?

THE speech delivered by the Prime Minister in Parliament on Monday in moving the Second Reading of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill was yet nothing new to the world except that it came again emphasised on the unkindness of the Mercy-milk mentality to South Africa. The speech lacked convincing and one could perceive his mental mood—no unusual characteristic in the Premier—throughout the speech. It was apparent that he was unhappy about the Bill He missed however in an Apostle for the preservation of European culture in Natal for he feared that if the legislature was not put through there might be a switch over to Asiatic culture The speech is an attempt to indict the Indian community. He made no reference to the principles that he laid down when he spoke at the Second Reading of the Pegging Act in 1943. To General Smuts 1943 may be a distant past but it is worth quoting what he said. We are bound to remember that they the Indians) are our people, they belong here they have no other country and we must be fair and just to these and see that in regard to land-holding housing schemes and the execution of all the rights which civilised peoples are entitled to, are also afforded to them. On Monday he repeated that he wanted to "see fair play and justice for the Indians" How these two statements can reconcile with his action in taking an inherent right that we possess, is beyond our comprehension In every regard the Indian is restricted He has no means to move freely where the Europeans move, the Bioscope the Bioscopes, the Theatres, the Hotels. the public transport services are closed to him Mixed Universities and Technical schools is denied to him. His Honours are restricted to his own area, colonially created by him. Almost all the professions with the exception of the medical, are closed to him His opportunities for free development do not exist His avenues of employment are restricted Where then has General Smuts got his new that there might be a switch over to culture!

We must analyse on bare means of interpretation with the Prime Minister exhibition of administering "justice and fair play" to the Indians. At an point in his memorial lengthy speech has he made any attempt to castigate the Europeans of Durban or the Durban City Council The Indians in the action of the prim and he should be controlled And yet in 1943 both General Smuts and Mr H. G Lawrence informed Parliament that the Indian community had implied charges against the Durban City Council in the matter of provision of sites for Indian housing and that the Council had a case to answer Mr Lawrence went further to say that during the period of the Pegging Act the Durban City Council will be on its trial. Since the 22nd March 1943 not a single property has been purchased by Indians in predominantly European areas The need for sites was just as great after the 22nd March 1943 as it was before, but the Durban City Council, despite what Mr. Lawrence had said, has not provided a single site for occupation by Indians.

General Smuts in giving one side of the story for world consumption, has not ashamed his reputation. If figures, showing the extent of European owned and Indian owned lands, were given, we doubt whether the Prime Minister would be able to present a case for the European. We repeat what we said in our last issue that the acquisition of 126 acres by Indians in the old Borough of Durban since 11th November 1939 to the end of February 1943 as against 2940 acres held by Europeans, does not constitute a reason for taking away the right to purchase land. General Smuts has warned that outside interference would not deter the Union Government from passing this repressive measure. But so did Hitler We are living in the middle of the twentieth century when distance is a word of the past. No nation can be oblivious of an injustice the moment it is perpetrated, and no nation can fight age off with folded arms and allow the injustice to be continued. Russia mighty as she is, has had to withdraw her troops from Iran, the moment she knew that American and Great Britain meant what they said. The Prime Minister is bound to contend with outside interference as long as he denies the fundamental and known rights to an unrepresented people.

General Smuts' speech was as clever as it was subtle. His whole aim is to bring the Indians to the level of the Africans. He was clear on that point. He has designed the Bill on the lines of the Native legislation If the Indians regarded the new legislation as an insult in them, he said that rather is their objection an insult to the Native population. That was an appeal to the sentiments of the Natives and if is an attempt to placate them against the Indians. It is subtle more and knowing the Africans as we do we have no doubt that they would not fall in for it. We could expect such a statement from one of the Dominions but certainly not from General Smuts. That is however the argument of an advocate who has an extremely weak case to argue. This is clearly apparent in his statement on Franchise. There should be no criticism.

he said, 'of the decision to give Indians political representation. This was just and fair for otherwise rights would be taken away from the Indians and they would be given nothing in return and he felt voiceless and unrepresented.' It is obvious that rights are being taken away from the Indians and in their place communal franchise of the most inferior type is being offered It is absurd to suggest that our objection to any form of communal franchise is untenable on the ground that Indian has the same system, for, what General Smuts and the Nationalists in South Africa call inferior type is being offered to South Africa daily because it observe to that the communal franchise in India was not professed and accepted by Indians but it was forced on an unwilling people by the bureaucratic British Government.

The Indian community as a whole, without any exception, is totally against the Bill We are not unmindful of the difficulties that confront General Smuts. These difficulties have been placed before him by the English-speaking section of the European population of South Africa. We refuse to believe that there is a single Afrikaner to Natal who is against the Indian. There Englishman, by reasoning to such psychology and by giving false alarms, have made the position of the Union Cabinet extremely difficult. We can not believe that these difficulties are insuperable. In his political career of nearly half a century General Smuts has been able to overcome many difficulties and the Indian problem in South Africa is only a minor issue. If he gives in to the English speaking people of Natal he would be throwing to the winds all his philosophy and all his principles of ruling human problems.

PRIME MINISTER ON NEW INDIAN BILL

UNION'S DOMESTIC CONCERN

GENERAL SMUTS, the Union Prime Minister, in moving the second reading of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill in the House of Assembly on Monday said if the Bill was passed all the present political mischief would be cleared away. It would affect the future of South Africa. "We want to see fair play and justice for the Indian," he said, "but we are determined that we must preserve European domination in South Africa and they were not going to be frightened by any movement any propaganda which may be intended to frighten the people of this country.

The Bill had been represented as an insult to India, a challenge to Asia almost a challenge to world opinion. It was nothing of the kind.

If this problem—which had been drifting for many years—were allowed to drift any further, South Africa on its drift on to the rocks. The problem would become a first class international issue. The intention was to prevent this.

In other countries similar problems had been allowed to drift and eventually it had been possible to settle it only through force and great suffering. There was the case of the Germans in Sudetenland and the Germans in Hungary and Rome who now had to be repatriated at vast expense and with great suffering.

We want to establish an order in South Africa in which the various communities in our society can live peacefully and loyally together, and this can only be done in some such way as we are attempting in this Bill.

South Africa was responsible for its own internal peace and no attempt at interference from abroad with the Union's plans for solving its own problems would deter the Union.

The House is dealing with the important and difficult question, must try to deal with it in a spirit of justice and fair play to all. The intendments of Indentured Indian Labour in 1860 to solve the labour problems of the sugar planters in Natal had given rise to difficulties which none had foreseen.

Both Indians and Europeans would have to contribute towards a solution. It could not be one-sided, and the Bill was intended to formulate the new principles which each would have to make.

Forty years or more after that mistake a similar one had been made in the Transvaal by the introduction of Chinese labour to solve the labour problems on the gold mines. If that attempt had succeeded South Africa might have been hopelessly compromised and a situation would have been created which would have been beyond repair. Instead of a western culture an Asiatic overmastering might have been established and South African history might have taken a different course.

General Botha had made great efforts to save the situation which might have been much more menacing, than the introduction of Indian labour.

He remembered also the great services of Colonel Creswell and the all India of the British public in the remembered the Immigrants Bill of doctrine at the end of 1905 which had given the go ahead to the attempt to repatriate a thousand Indian labourers in the Transvaal. The British public had then made a outlet in which they should introduce and they had interfered.

Today an appeal in Transvaal Indian journals was being made that would make the British bring not only the Indians recently back to Britain to remember the historical perspective of the whole question. He asked them not to be simply led to form a body that had essential issues that had been at stake since those years ago.

"We do not want to submit a set of rules if not South African society and to have developments have which might in the end jeopardise the structure we are building. Neither European nor Native African culture would be fostered by such a development.

We do want here in human rights. We are determined to discharge our human duties in a fair way to all sections of our community and so the Indians also, but we are determined that we must preserve the European orientation of our society and not switch over to Asiatic culture. That is the fundamental issue in this Bill. That is what we are attending.

The Bill has many difficult and complex provisions. In land and pool control areas are used by Indians and Europeans on following well known South African methods, practices and principles adopted in the past supported by Parliament practically unanimously and which we look upon as the essential structure of our complex society in South Africa.

"Fundamentally the principle of separate land tenure and residence and political representation for Indians are the same as this Bill as in the case of the Natives in the Native legislation already in force in this country.

Although there may be various lacunae in details, fundamentally the structure we intend to establish for the Indians is very much the same, and I repeat the same principles as we laid down for our Native population.

"I want to say a little more in detail in the difficulties which surround the question in all the complaints which have made it almost an obsession finally gravitating to the one point so well put by the Indian Agent which I intend to apply to our Indian population.

I do not know that I can say more than that the Indian population should be treated as a Native population.

The last point of two objections has been dealt with the last point at the second with political rights. I am unable to do this. I have given my reasons for this. I feel that it would not be possible for the Government to agree to anything being carried out this dropped.

We want that the Bill should be passed here as a whole and if it not passed as a whole it does not stand. The Government is pledged.

Just as in the past the right to vote has been limited to Europeans, so it is entirely necessary to give the franchise to Natives only in that of Union. I am a Native Indian some point that was made plain to me which to speak for themselves.

Reviewing the whole of the Indian problem in Natal the Prime Minister said the matter fundamental had its origin in the decision of the Natal Government to import Indian labour to the sugar plantations. Many of the civil population had become dissatisfied with the Indians and pressure was brought to bear on the Natal Government in the matter of Indian immigration. As early as 1885 measures on the Indian appeal of Natal were to restrictions.

In 1911 indentured Indians stopped and Indian [illegible] in arrears. In 1921 the Class Areas Bill had been introduced in Parliament in 1925. In 1925 the newly elected Nationalist Labour Government had intro-

CONFERENCE NO FEASIBLE SOLUTION

SPEAKING on the Round Table conference, General Smuts said it would not be a feasible solution. For one thing it was too late to have one as the Pegging Act would expire this month. There was no time for a lengthy exploration by a round table conference.

"There is another difficulty, that any solution come in at such a conference, which the European population did not like would be looked upon as coming from Indian inspirations. The difficulties of any such solution would be increased. The problem would become greater instead of less.

"In my mind looking at this matter as non which is urgent, which calls for practical solutions the holding of a round table conference between South Africa and the Indian Government is a counsel of despair. It must lead to a failure. It will only involve loss of time and in the end the position would be worse than today.

"There is a strong reason of principle. After all this is essentially a domestic question for South Africa. More than 80 per cent of the Indians are South African citizens. They insist that they are South African and how could we, in such circumstances, where the people concerned, European and Indians alike are South Africans, where their whole situation is a domestic, internal South African situation how could we call in conference another Government to help us find a solution?

Once we do not assert our own authority in our own home, we do not know what is going to happen then.

"Our Indian citizens will have to make up their minds whether they are citizens of South Africa or of India.

"The Indians have quoted the Capetown Agreement as a precedent. The attitude that I have taken up. My reply is that, in the first place, the Indian Government seems to the Capetown Conference with a proposal and nobody would debate a proposal that kind. When we certain difficulty and some other friendly Government want to make a suggestion for its removal we are only too willing to listen to them.

At that time the Indian Government had not been represented in the Union and there had been on other way for consultation except perhaps through the mediation of the British Government. Today the Indian Government could confer with the Union through the High Commissioner. Under these circumstances a round table conference was out of the question.

The Indian Government through their High Commissioner have put forward a scheme which had insisted on a common loaded franchise in Indians. They did not want to be treated as a separate entity as South African citizens they wanted to be treated on the same basis, and in base the same constituencies, in unity of the big Indian population of Natal, however, they were willing to have a loaded franchise with higher qualifications necessary for the vote.

That principal has been not definitely rejected by the people of the country as not desirable and not possible. The people of Natal said that even with a loaded franchise they would have to endure from day to day the results of the future — what would happen if the franchise were changed. They would not consider a common franchise.

As far as Natal is concerned the European people will not accept the loaded franchise. This is being treated as a matter of principle

"I think South Africa has decided once and for all that one complex society will be built with on separate lines. Sooner or later in the case of Natal as in Natal we are going to do it. In the case of the Indians too. Any other system will not give any sure progress in this country."

The Indians held a separate political system was an insult — but that was the system in India. The Indian constitution recognised separate communities, and this whole social system was one of segregation. He would not argue whether that system was a suitable, but in was entitled to argue that it was the system in India. Natal had a community franchise and no common franchise

"I think, therefore that it does not lie in the mouth of the Indians to say that a separate electoral system in South Africa will be an insult to them.

The Indians had been prepared to compromise on votes in residential areas, provided there was no restrictions on ownership. He had thought at first that a solution on those lines might be explored. The Natal Provincial Council however, had rejected such a solution and had said that if there were to be separate residential areas there should also be restrictions on ownership.

(To be continued)

PRESS COMMENTS ON THE BILL

THE INDIAN BILL

In the issue of March 25 the *Cape Times* makes the following comments:—

FEW people of wide progressive outlook will look forward with any pleasure to the debate which begins today in Parliament on the Union Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill. In many ways it will be a historic occasion, though not in the sense in which that term is usually employed. We doubt if future generations of South Africans will look back with satisfaction on any measure which is to smack the suppression of the thin country's in terms of our prejudice, the supreme aim of the Nationalist attitude of mind. During the passage of this bill the eyes of the whole dumb cattle world will be fixed upon South Africa. The Commonwealth and Empire will watch these discussions with particular keenness, in among their peoples there will be no illusions about the implications. Let there be no illusions in South Africa either about what the result of the world will think; our reputation as a liberal people will be considerably impaired as a result of what we have set our hand to now. We must face that fact. The representations will go very far indeed already taken parliamentary steps to break off economic relations permanently and unfortunately is our relative diplomatic relations will certainly be hampered difficult. These may be the least unpleasant of the consequences that may follow if it is hard to predict what the effects of this decision may be in the years to come. They may be dramatic

For three reasons we would urge members of Parliament during this debate not only to weigh all the issues carefully but to consider their words with more than ordinary care—and with the fullest sense of responsibility in the knowledge that every word that is uttered will be most carefully weighed and measured by millions of people elsewhere. This is not an occasion for inflammatory language and overstrained discussion of all the Indians represented all the intolerance of which South Africa is so capable. It is rather an occasion for acknowledging the failure of our own statesmanship throughout half a century and particularly during the past 30 years. That South Africa should never be compelled to deal with this problem by such a method is to acknowledgment of failure. It is the climax of years of fumbling ineptitude, of lack of fixed purpose, and of hesitancy to come to grips with a problem which could have been handled in its infancy. Racial intolerance has finally made any stable settlement virtually impossible. There have been fruits on both sides. Dr. Malan himself tried to settle the question and the Cape Town agreement was the result. The Indians thwarted the repatriation scheme, and the Government did not consummate the scheme with any signor There might otherwise have been no need for a measure now that merely reaches a solution that will one day become imperative.

There are no optimists here, but it is essential that South Africa should realise them fully, and that, as she decided in embarking upon this legislation she should do so in the full consciousness of all its possible implications. Let there be no illusions about what must be highly distasteful and disagreeable but of the same time a highly courageous decision. He has placed in power a reputation for liberal statesmanship which made him one of the outstanding figures of the world to day. His whole record stands up to refutation of any charge of intolerance. Many years ago he thought the road to a settlement of this question was open. Speaking before the Imperial War Cabinet in 1917 whose representatives of India were present for the first time, General Smuts explained that the Union's Indian problem was the fear of her small white population that it would be swamped by Indian immigration. He expressed optimism that all the difficulties between India and South Africa would be settled by a mutual agreed measure restricting Indian immigration based upon the Natal Scale with the lessons of the Indian Government and the Indian people of South Africa

And that being so he said I think the door is open now for a peaceful and statesmanlike solution of the whole of the minor administrative problems ... I for can do not question that among the world's gravest problems that confront us in our country the question of India will trouble us much is fairness." Thirty years later that position is further as alternatives it was in 1917 and he has been compelled to put his hand to this legislation as the only apparent alternative.

The fault is not that of General Smuts. It is in a measure as a people. There is no alternative but to support him for the result rise in Natal are such that strong measures have to be taken to preserve the structure of Western European civilisation which he can it has decided shall prevail. But we do not believe that this could not have been accomplished by some other method less harsh we do not believe that South Africa's genius for accommodating and compromise has been so harassed. This Bill goes further than has ever been suggested or contemplated before. It goes much further than even Natal has to face with this problem demand of or even expected. There is room therefore, for modification and it must certainly be welcomed if any drastic thing deliberations it may be possible to weaken some modification that will mitigate not a few of the harsher aspects of the bill and perhaps obviate some of the repercussions that will otherwise inevitably be felt in time.

THE CHOICE BEFORE NATAL

Under the above heading the *Natal Mercury* in its issue of March 16 writes as follows:—

THE long awaited Bill dealing with Indian land Tenure and Indian Representation has now been published. It gives us for the coming of Indians, and gives us the compelling and equitable of property by the Indians from which this has been rejected in silence by both the Indian Government and the Natal Indian Congress, there will be little or no dispute about its necessity when it is debated in the House of Assembly. Although there may be objecting in certain details to the schedules, the principle will be accepted by all people in South Africa. Whatever may be said outside the Union public opinion here is determined to preserve the European structure of South African and any Government which attempts to in any thing else could secure service. Yet South Africa, points she is extremely foolish cannot be altogether unmindful of international reactions. The Indian Congress has agreed terms of thousands of years in South Africa and Asiatics is miscegenation the position here and propaganda has fallen on fertile ground.

For General Smuts the position is an extremely difficult one. He knows better than anyone else how valuable the Indian and in all he was acutely aware of the legislation outside South Africa. He was prepared in face that an Indian already been made than satisfied to India and the breaking off of trade relations he had him summoned. At the more time he realised that some thing had to be done to make the Indians in South Africa acknowledged citizens of South Africa. It was obvious but the best way to do this was to give them representation in Parliament Provincial Councils, and the municipalities. Could General Smuts have had his own way there is little doubt that representation would have taken the form of representation by Indians elected by Indians, for when a separate electoral roll is to be created To do so, however, would have meant an amendment in key clauses of the South Africa Act. The Prime Minister knew any such course to be impossible for it would establish a two thirds majority in a joint meeting of both Houses of Parliament. With the Nationalists solidly opposed to any Indian representation there could be the slightest chance of such a majority being obtained.

The Prime Minister therefore counsel a Bill to be drafted granting the Indians a separate electoral roll but with representation by Europeans in the House of Assembly and the Senate. Under the South Africa Act that Assembly all save Indians the right to representation unless Indians or Europeans in the Provincial Councils and it was proposed that Indians shall have the right to elect two members to the Natal Provincial Council and one to the Transvaal Provincial Council. Natal would probably have accepted this, but some reluctantly. But when the proposed Bill was discussed by the Cabinet, the then Transvaal Cabinet Minister rejected it on the ground that the Transvaal had always strenuously opposed any Indian representation and that the number of Indians qualified to vote in the Transvaal would be relatively small compared with them who would be qualified in Natal. An alternative proposal that the representation of Indians on Provincial Councils should be only by Europeans was rejected by the legal advisers on the discovery that that, too, would entail a major amendment of the South African Act.

The final proposal is that three electoral divisions on a separate roll shall be created for the Indians. Two will be in Southern Natal and the other will comprise the Transvaal and Northern Natal. In each of these three divisions the Indians will elect one European to the House of Assembly. In addition there will be two

Europeans representing Indians in the Senate. *So far as* Indian monetary representation is concerned the Prime Minister will at double by obtain Parliament's ex-ly acceptance. It is the Provincial representation that creates the difficulty. The Transvaal having contracted out Natal is now asked to express compromise which has manifest dangers. Not only in Natal as a province split in a way which may create a precedent endangering the whole Provincial system but also is in been Indian representation imposed on her by the Provincial Council by the aegis of 1 a simple provisions. What the Natal M.Ps. think about this will only be known when the vote is taken.

One cannot help sympathising with the Prime Minister. He has honestly striven to find a solution of the Indian problem which would satisfy it once and forever, at least for many years to come. He has shown that on the occasion on land occupation and acquisition he is prepared to stand up to the

[illegible] progress from outside. If the Bill is wrecked it will have been wrecked by those who have refused to accept a broader principle of Indian representation.

"Bombay Sentinel"

The Nationalist evening paper, *Bombay Sentinel* says it is regrettable that a statesman of International reputation like General Smuts should attempt to justify an obnoxious Bill seeking to colour prejudices on the grounds that there is unreasonable hostility in India.

"General Smuts should know that it was invoked on by the British against the wishes of the Indians"

"The General overlooking with the milk of human kindness, stated that South Africans in India would derive solid advantages from the Bill South African Indians know their interests better than the White General and they have condemned it wholeheartedly

would reborn after the terrible struggle of the past few years should witness and quietly tolerate this monstrous progress of a tragedy of the blackest order. I cannot but think that this fact should be made known to the United Nations in its British character and that intervention invoked in all solemnity. The Field Marshal and his associates by-passing should be exposed to the gaze of all honest men and that section of the British people who have made themselves responsible for this outrage on all that is redeeming in human character must be disowned look stock and barrel not only by the inhabitants of the British Isles but by all that is progressive and upward looking in the world. I had a share I which I was not ashamed in the framing of the Capetown Agreement of 1927. In any sleeking days I mean to be punished by events in as not at all sicken. If this be freedom and the happiness of the new regime may mankind be saved from them. The Government of India are now commenced by the inscrutable facts of facts to use all their striking power although it may largely rest on themselves. I trust they will not be guided too much by the considerations of safety first and its prudential consequences. The Indian men mainly is now fighting for the last time with its back against the wall and it will be fully justified in seeking honourable outside in preference to ignominious surrender They say there is no human standing without hope The next few months will test what trust there is in this optimist is also all the way the world is going

INDIA LETTER

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Bombay, May 1st 18

THE British Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee's speech in the House of Commons in reply to Mr R A Butler is the outstanding event during the week under review He clarified the issues [illegible] as the British Government is not in a constituent making body empowered of Indians to decide their future constitutions. His approach to the problem was quite different from that of any other previous British Government in substance he has conceded the demands of the Congress. He has recognised India's right for independence. He claims that minorities will not be allowed to hold up the progress and lastly he will not include in the Treaty between India and his own any issue which would be demonstrably against the interest of India

As Mahatma Gandhi remarked in his contact of his discussions with the Cow ress president and Sardar Vallabhbhai Pa el the speech is good as in as it goes In other words it rejects Englund manoeuvres but it does not go far enough. The real issue will not be the gushing language of the British Prime Minister but the actual quantum of power transferred to the people of India. It will be remembered Lloyd was declared independent but it is the British Cabinet that formulates over the policies of the country In days hence declared in 1922 has not become a reality even in 1946, Ireland with whom a Treaty was signed had to go through the gamut of economic boycott to make Dr Valera implemented the terms of the Treaty. With these two examples before us one cannot be sure what decision time means Hence Clarity is wanting. He will await the survival of the British delegation and the precise proposals they will bring with them before commenting on the situation

Be that as it may, events are marching too fast for any of the British Government and other constituency frame. The position is clear as day light and in his in within the grasp of her goal of freedom Mr Jinnah has got jitters. He is agitated for the pe, ce which he was hanging himself is about to give way The British Government as has in many but they would part with power as soon as both parties came in an agreement. The Union Minister now says that every effort will be made in safeguard the rights of the minorities but these have without fear of any calamity will be allowed to make progress. I am fair set Mr Jinnah raising who hails foul of the Congress and Gandhi but his rage is impotent. He cannot name the real issue. The people say Hope But we keep the Muslim community who are united for practically will throw him overboard. Signs are not wanting His ardent supporters in the Punjab, Sind, Frontier, Assam and Nawab Mamdot have wrecked the Muslim Prime Ministers speech Stud Muslims are negotiating for a settlement with the Congress on a provincial basis. They know full well that the stand taken by Mr Jinnah cannot be depended upon when the attitude of the British Government has undergone a change. The strength of the

CABLE NEWS FROM S.A.I.C. DELEGATION

Gandhi Advice

Writing on the Indian Bill in his *Harijan* Mahatma Gandhi makes the following observations:

The Indian deputation was in the present manner not merely an assault on Indian property rights but also on their status as free men They do want merely to exist in South Africa. They need not have meet the deputation all the way to India for that purpose. They have to be in South African manner as the European settlers of South Africa. They know that today they are not But they cannot Non-cooperation moves forward in that forward march India will help at corner. Indeed all the normal forces will be of their call. The final however will have to be borne by them. They rediscovered the force of truth Satyagraha) and that will be their only and ultimate course of lower Time fast it is not yet. Let us hope it will never come They have to try to gather to their side all the moral forces of the world. They will have to clear the ground of all the weeds all sectionism all personal ambition which always and every where accrue in if sleepless vigilance is not kept on the watch tower Imagine the plight of a poor bargee sailing when the breeze in front has gone out. They must be prepared for accidents and consequent suffering. If they are it torn at and barely enough to keep the worst they are bound to come out the loser in the end. What about the whites in South Africa. They invited the Indians in the first instance if they thought the Indians would always be like slaves or that they would put in the hands of their free brethren they (the whites) were soon undeceived. Does real superiority require outside props in the shape of legislation Will they never find easy such wall of bristles when these will mostly rendering them formidable. The home of history ought to teach them that might is not right. Right is only might.

Tragedy Of Blacken Order

Sastriji, whose health is improving made a statement when his sickbed He asked the delegation to convey to South African Indians his love wishes. The original Capetown Agreement which Field Marshal Smuts would never accept on no understanding between two honourable peoples has new lease of his repudiated. The Indian community will now be segregated on to location purchase and must parties of property and theorizes also on to trade and that means of livelihood This would complete its ruin. Although there would be some white settlers who would think the measure unworthy of a civilized nation there is no doubt it would assist the general wish of the Instinct community Never was there and we trust never will be such naked and unashamed use of political power. That the new

Muslim League depended upon the strength and support they were getting from the reactionary British Government in the past. When the British Government withdrawn from the field, reactionary Muslims cannot stand against Indian nationalism. They would like to fall in with the Congress and come to an agreement. If the negotiations which are now going on in Simla between the leaders of the Congress and the Muslim League party prove fruitful, an agreement will be reached on a provincial basis. The Punjab will follow the same example. It is an open secret that the Punjab Muslims resented an agreement with the Congress premature and it was ratified by the Punjab Muslim League Party in the Assembly and also by the Punjab Provincial Muslim League but because it did not suit Mr. Jinnah the agreement was not given effect to. Perhaps soon before the British delegation arrives Mr. Jinnah's followers will leave Mr. Jinnah alone and reach agreements with the Congress parties on a provincial basis.

The Congress Working Committee met in Bombay. The visit of the British Cabinet mission which drew the Communities together did not figure very much in the discussion. The Congress president during his interview with the Viceroy committed himself to serve on an All India Fast Council of fourteen which was proposed by Lord Wavell. The Working Committee threw him overboard and said nothing doing. Then the Cabinet was reconstituted immediately and power and responsibility transferred to the people. The Congress president informed the Viceroy by telegram on Tuesday night that the Committee had refused to ratify his agreement unless the Centre was reconstituted. Mr. Jinnah who also refused to serve on the Council of fourteen suggested an ingenious and clever alternative of a Fast Council of four composed of Maulana Gandhi representing the Hindus, himself representing the Muslims and Nawab of Bhopal representing Indian States and Lord Wavell representing the British Government. To this proposal Mr. Jinnah wanted to gain his point of parity between Hindus and Muslims, of including the Congress on the representation of Hindu organisation and himself as the sole representative of the Muslim community and thus delay the formation of an interim Government of the Centre. In a committee of four which was expected to meet once in a month, Gandhiji would be in a minority and whatever decision had to be left to the present unrepresentative Government to execute. Mr. Jinnah wanted to prevent the formation of an interim Government immediately so that he could drive his bargain regarding his Pakistan demand. The Congress rejected this alternative and sent through Mr. Abell lastly because it did not meet the main Congress demand of transfer of power to the people to deal with the food situation. The present unrepresentative Government would not be depended upon to carry out any programme because of its corruption and inefficiency. The food question is India today.

The present [illegible] Governance in the [illegible] structure will [illegible] changes. A popular Government both at the Centre and in the Provinces will go a long way to increasing the ratio in favour of the unexploited raw material will improve the quality of grains, method of transport and distribution. This could not be gained through a Fund Council of four suggested by Mr. Jinnah and forwarded to the Congress Working Committee by Lord Wavell.

Politics is as much avoidance of pitfalls as the progression towards new heights.

Le Gros Petty said: You have played your part heroically on different battlefields. Let us now your swords play a more magnificent part in the achievement of that state (an autonomous Muslim state). You can do it. We shall do it if Muslims stand united. My people are in unity, faith and discipline and we shall win.

"If the British and the Hindus make an Anglo Hindu alliance we are prepared for it and we shall face it came what may and we are not going to surrender.

Earlier Mr. Jinnah had declared A vote of anyone not already married and he declared Mr. Attlee's statement that the minority could put into the advance of the majority as "absurd."

Describing the Punjab as the cornerstone of Pakistan Mr. Jinnah said the League "will at the appropriate moment of Pakistan has given him its pleasantest shock I have ever received in my life."

He added: Any man or men who stand in our way or delay or obstruct in any manner the establishment of Pakistan will be neither tolerated nor accepted by us.

Mr. Jinnah declared that Mr. Attlee had announced in the appointment of an executive council and establish a statute, as said "For that purpose he organised and be prepared for all eventualities that we may have to face whatever that may be it may be. A few [illegible] nerves has already started. We are threatened that the Muslim League will be [illegible] passed unless we listen to the election of the British Government.

"We are prepared for that. If the British Government dare force on us a constitution their own construction and impose it on us or any other measure in that direction.

"We are told—said Mr. Attlee's speech would leave grave misgivings among Muslims—that the British Government had already been shaken and would be stampeded by Congress propaganda, that Congress is in a position to mount blockades if Pakistan is lowered and that they may be in a position to cut and paralyse British trade in this country. We are prepared for the very worst and are prepared to face any and amount of threatening conspiracy or of bullying in going to make no avenue by a hair's breadth from our aims and demand for Pakistan, cause what may.

If the British Government fail to announce and appoint a date [illegible] properly [illegible] the hands of Congress, it will

SAPA-REUTER NEWS

Maulana Azad Hopeful of Outcome

New Delhi Tuesday

The conviction that no independent India would secure the peace of the world was expressed by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the president of the All India Congress to an interview He said I had in the latest pronouncement of the Prime Minister, Mr Attlee, a new spirit in the Cabinet Mission is coming to India with a determination to find the solutions in that spirit I am on reason why we should not be hopeful of the outcome He went on to say that world events, with high tension existing all round, had brought about a situation in which India had acquired a strategic position which he described as "absolute by land." "We know where great tension exists," he said and it is next door to India.

Demand For Sikh State

Lahore Saturday

A resolution demanding the creation of a Sikh State in India was passed by the executive committee of Shiromani Akali Dal, the leading Sikh organisation. The resolution demanded the creation of a Sikh State in which should include a substantial majority of the Sikh population and their important sacred shrines and historical gurudwaras It appealed to the powers for the transfer and exchange of populations and property A constitution committee with Mr Tara Singh the leader of the Akali Sikhs as chairman was formed to draw up the Sikh demands to be placed before the British Cabinet Mission now on its way to India The executive committee met at the shrine of Mr Ranjit Singh, the "Lion of Punjab" Sikh leader who ruled nearly all Punjab in the early decades of the 19th century

Cabinet Ministers Arrival

New Delhi, Sunday

The members of the British Cabinet Mission to India Lord Pathick Lawrence Sir Stafford Cripps and A V Alexander who left Karachi by air early today have arrived in Delhi

Talks For Peaceful Settlement

New Delhi Sunday

Talks between the British Cabinet Ministers and the Indian leaders will open here today in an atmosphere of hope increased by renewed appearances of good will by outstanding Indian spokesmen These two previous meetings mean Indian consider will be the last opportunity for a peaceful settlement of the country's future says Reuter's Political Correspondent Indian leaders at present in other cities are expected to arrive here soon —Mahatma Gandhi from Poona Maulana Abul Kalam Azad President of the All-India Congress Party from Calcutta, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru of the Congress Working Committee from Malaya and Mahomed Ali Jinnah of the Muslim League from Lahore.

Sir Mirza Ismail Prime Minister of Jaipur last night described the arrival of the British Ministers as "a new chapter in our history" and added "I do not doubt that India by her own free choice will remain with England and share a common destiny" Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru Liberal leader said it should be possible for all progressive politicians to deal with the Mission in a spirit of mutual confidence

Jinnah Insists On Pakistan

Lahore Thursday

The President of the Muslim League, Mr M A Jinnah, addressing the Punjab Muslim

redy for which there will e been an precedent in the ry of India."

Dr. Khare On Sanctions

Nagpur, Monday

The decision to break off trade ions with the Union of South Africa announced by the Government of India on March ...ews taken without reference to the British Government, Rai-I Dr Narayan Bhaskar Khare member for Commonwealth Relations in the Viceroy's Executive Council, who is on a brief visit to Nagpur. Dr Khare said he did not expect any tangible results in the matter in the future which would be material helpful from the point of view of the Indian community in South Africa even if the economic sanctions become mutually operative

Commissioner's Withdrawal Discussed In Assembly

New Delhi Tuesday

Mr R K Bannerjea Commonwealth Relations Secretary, in reply to suggestions by the Muslim League and Congress members in the Central Assembly that the Government of India should withdraw their Indian High Commissioner from South Africa declared "The Government are aware of the general feeling on that point but it is a matter which the Government consider it desirable to take some time over. After all there is unanimity in this matter between that Government and the public and I do feel the Government is entitled to some discretion in deciding the exact nature and pace of diplomatic operations" Mr Bannerjea added "I feel the Government owe a debt to world opinion for the measure already taken and that further announcement can await the recall of the High Commissioner would be made as soon as possible.

Sardar On Peaceful Solution

Bombay, Friday

"The colour problems existing by Field Marshal Smuts in South Africa is bound to assume enormous proportions" said Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel the Indian Congress leader, in an interview "Any other country faced with such a echoe would have resorted to arms, but India—even independent India—with all her resources behind her would know her weight in favour of a peaceful solution to the problem. India has an ambition outside her territory and her stand at all international conferences will be for world peace, and for no armed enslavement. India will be the leader of all the Asiatic countries" Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel added.

Indian Merchant Gives Assurance

Bombay, Friday

Mr M H H Pramji the president of the Indian Merchant's Chamber told the South African Indian delegation that the mercantile community of India would do all that was necessary, and all that lay in their power to make the trade sanctions against South Africa effective Mr Pramji who was speaking at the reception given to the delegates by the Chamber said that the latest legislation affecting the South African Indians should be referred in UNO

Seeds Of Future Wars

Nagpur, Friday

The South African Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill sanctioned the seeds of future wars and racial conflicts, Dr N B Khare, the Commonwealth Relations Member of the Indian Government, said when addressing the Journalists Association. Explaining the failure of the protracted negotiations with the South African Government, Dr Khare said "circumstances left no alternative but to give notice to terminate the trade agreement with South Africa" He disclosed that Mahatma Gandhi during talks with him in Calcutta two months ago, agreed to go to South Africa despite dubious health to negotiate with Field-Marshal Smuts if the latter invited him.

Dr Khare Suggests UNO.

Nagpur Saturday

Dr N B Khare Member for Commonwealth Relations in the Government of India speaking of a campaign on his honour here said that, although the Indian Government had not so far taken a decision regarding the recall from South Africa of the High Commissioner in India, the step would be a natural corollary to the actual passage of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill Dr. Khare said the United Nations Organisation existed as its principal objective of ensuring peace and harmony among nations if it takes no notice of racial conflicts which will be inevitable after the passage of such racial, discriminatory measures?

Reciprocity At Bombay Club

Bombay Saturday

The Premier Cosmopolitan Club of Bombay, the Willingdon Sports Club [illegible] a resolution sent in by a member seeking to debar South African Europeans from being members of the Club or using its grounds

The resolution is likely to be considered early next week The Willingdon Sports Club was founded during the Vice-Regal term of Lord Willingdon. It provides a meeting ground for members of all races

Canada Supports India

Ottawa, Friday

Canada will support India's case before the combined food board in Washington for greater shipments of grain including Canadian wheat, to India, according to a government spokesman. The spokesman said Indian request to Canada for increased shipments of wheat in view of unusual famine conditions was being considered by the Federal Government as a matter of urgency He said no decision, however, would be made by the government until Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar head of the Indian food delegation which visited Ottawa, had completed discussions in Washington with combined food board officials. He said the Government felt that Indian request for greater shipments of wheat should be part of the general scheme of the world distribution of available foodstuffs. The Canadian Government would co-operate fully with the combined food board in any step it might decide to take to bring as far as possible about shipments to India The spokesman said he felt Canada would be able to increase slightly its wheat exports to India by diverting some surplus grain from existing outlets. He also indicated that Canadian farmers might be asked to market grain stocks held on farms for commercial purposes if they felt these stocks would be amply replenished after the coming harvest Such a step would make a greater quantity of wheat available for export for use mid above present commitments

Shooting Innocent Citizens

New Delhi Friday

The Government of India was formally censured in the Central Legislative Assembly last night for the shooting of innocent citizens, the use of tear-gas and lathi (staves) charges against them by the police in New Delhi The censure motion was tabled by the Muslim League, and passed without a division.

Warned Against Mutiny

Bombay, Sunday

Mahatma Gandhi warned the members of all Indian armed forces against revolt in mutiny in scheme improvements in conditions of living in an article to his weekly newspaper *Harijan* Mutiny may successfully succeed but success can only avail mutineers and their men not the whole of India. The issues would be a bad inheritance" he said "Discipline will be of limited necessary under Swaraj (home rule) as it is now. Indian under successful mutineers would be cut up into warring fractions and exhausted by internecine strife."

Muslim Awakening In East Africa

Lahore, Sunday

Allah Ditta Qureshi a delegate from East Africa called on Mr M A Jinnah president of the Muslim League and discussed with him various problems concerning the Muslim community in East Africa. Later viewed afterwards by Kaukab Qureshi said he requested the League president to send some prominent League leaders to East Africa to create political awakening as the Muslims masses there. Mr Jinnah asked Mr. Qureshi to see him again later in Delhi

News in Brief

S.A.I.C To Launch Prolonged Struggle

The South African Indian Congress executive agreed at its meeting which was held at Capetown on the 24th instant to the principle of a concerted plan of a prolonged struggle by Indians in Natal and the Transvaal The programme is left to the respective Provincial Congresses.

Transvaal Indians Observe Prayer Day

The Indian community of Johannesburg observed a day of prayer on Tuesday as the City Hall as a protest against the Bill The meeting was held under the auspices of the Transvaal Indian Congress and was attended by five thousand people Included among the several messages of sympathy and encouragement messages from the Bishop of Pretoria. There were three Ministers of Anglican Church on the platform who prayed and addressed the meeting

S.A. Indian Women Regard Bill As Insult

Indian women in Transvaal convened a meeting on Sunday last at the M. K. Gandhi Library Hall to discuss the Bill as it affects the Indian community of South Africa. Mrs. K. Hilton was elected as chairlady and Miss R. Pallyachee acted as secretary. Miss P. Meer described the Bill as a farce. She said Indian voters should have other qualifications according to the limited communal franchise as envisaged by the Bill. First and foremost they must be males of over 21 years of age, have standard VI qualification income of £180 a year and property valued at £2,250 in Rest Road. This measure was introduced because Europeans were afraid of being swamped by Indians. A resolution was passed condemning the Bill.

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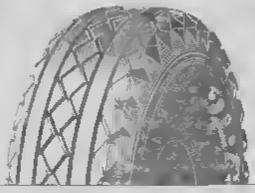
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Call To Resistance

AFTER what General Smuts described in the Assembly debate this morning the second reading of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation (Ghetto) Bill was approved in the House of Assembly on 3rd April by 66 votes to 49.

The Indian community has once again been made [illegible] more acutely than ever the extent of White Supremacy, class prejudice and the economic greed of the white masters.

The debate in the Assembly revealed [illegible] anything the [illegible] Indians [illegible] South Africa [illegible] are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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CABLE NEWS FROM S.A.I.C. DELEGATION

The following cable has been received from the S.A.I. Congress Delegation in India :—

Allahabad Harijan Sevak Sangh Bombay held a meeting on 27th March. Reverend Horace Alexander presided. Messrs. Hariharan Rajan Nailoo Vali Mahomed Ismail Moosa Tayob and Manibhai Patel. The chairman welcomed the members of the delegation and all the Congress India, National Congress Muslim League and the man in the street with the object of the mission of the delegation. He said that the rights of Indians in South Africa were being trampled upon. On the termination of the second world war there were cries of peace throughout the world but now there is Hooliganism, violent and lawless General Smuts instead of by introducing the Bill and only as India in South Africa the right to dwell and to own land anywhere within the limits of the Union of South Africa. Speaking for India I should say that we are not against Europeans as a race. But we are against the domination of one race over another. Fortunately in the land of Providence guides the wheel and corrects the course of humanity. It happens when it seems to be all the iron path is in destiny. Nazism God punished me. He has thrown Rajas Nailoo Vali Mahomed Ismail Moosa Tayob and Manibhai Patel. The chairman welcomed the members of the delegation and all the Congress India, National Congress Muslim League and the man in the street with the object of the mission of the delegation. He said that the rights of Indians in South Africa were being trampled upon. On the termination of the second world war there were cries of peace throughout the world but now there is Hooliganism, violent and lawless General Smuts instead of by introducing the Bill and only as India in South Africa the right to dwell and to own land anywhere within the limits of the Union of South Africa. Speaking for India I should say that we are not against Europeans as a race. But we are against the domination of one race over another. Fortunately in the land of Providence guides the wheel and corrects the course of humanity. It happens when it seems to be all the iron path is in destiny. Nazism God punished me. He has thrown

[illegible] the tyrant the dictator [illegible] will be content to [illegible] ever. Only when oppression becomes intolerable does the oppressed one revolt. In spite of himself the wrong doer is made to subserve The Good Law," under which he must also pay measure for measure, for his wrong. Thus Thus understanding it will be seen that there is still hope for mankind. Though the way be long and hard, the end is sure. Free from ultimate victory must be dogma certain

[illegible] delegation also received [illegible] Mr Chris[illegible]topher replied [illegible] he was glad to [illegible] India supporting [illegible] cause of Indians in South [illegible] Africa. Indian leaders [illegible] look to [illegible] Indians [illegible] to arrange [illegible] and to maintain [illegible] unity.

A PRAYER AND HARTAL DAY IN PRETORIA

In response to the call made by the Transvaal Indian Congress a Day of Prayer and Hartal was observed by the Pretoria Indian community on March 29 and the day was a complete success. All Indian shops were closed in Town and Suburbs for the whole day.

A mass meeting was held in the afternoon at the Orient Hall. The hall was packed with men, women and children representing all sections of the Indian community. Mr. M. K. Mestoo presided.

Molvi Mohamed Siddiek Mia, P. M. Joshi and Mr. O. Krishnan offered prayers in Urdu, Gujarati and Tamil respectively. Prayers were also offered by Molvi Mohamed Siddiek in Hindi and Moolana and in India at that Indian, Independence and Islam achieved within a short period.

Mr. Naran Sita the joint honorary secretary in the absence of his speech said that this "Ghastly Bill" did not only aggrieve the Indians resident only, but it aimed at the complete strangulation of the Indians. This Bill was an insult to the four hundred million Indians and must be resisted at all cost.

General Smuts wants to treat the Indian question as a domestic matter but it was an Indians desire to enjoy citizenship on equal terms with Europeans we could not be blamed for going to India or any other country for assistance. The Afrikaner people went to Holland in times of stress, the English people went to England when they were denied franchise by the Kruger Government having been termed as "Uitlanders" those who blame us and say if we go to the land of our ancestry for help. He appealed every Indian to prepare for the coming struggle.

There were also several other speakers.

The following resolution was carried unanimously: "This mass meeting of the Indian community of Pretoria held under the auspices of the Transvaal Indian Congress (Pretoria Branch) strongly protests against and condemns the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill, and prays to the Almighty to bring about a change in the mind heart and soul of man before causing them to obtain their ends by means with the Bill, and that they appeals to the General Smuts to treat the question as a domestic matter between the Government of India and South Africa."

Durban Indians

Decide On Passive Resistance

A public meeting of about 5,000 Hindu Moslem Parsee and Christian Indians in Kinsie Square, Durban, unanimously resolved to adopt a policy of passive resistance as a protest against the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill No Indian who did not actively participate would be condemned. It was said but any Indian who worked against the campaign would be regarded as a traitor.

The meeting was called by the Natal Indian Congress. Speakers —mainly prominent Indian lecturers, lawyers and students from Durban and the Transvaal—impressed upon their audience that this campaign of passive resistance would entail many sacrifices and that they should think well before embarking upon it.

Dr. G. M. Naicker president of the Natal Indian Congress. The Bill lays down that before any Indian can vote he must be a Union National. But under the 1927 Nationality and Flag Act we prohibited immigrant is recognised as a Union National. As the Indian has already been designated a "prohibited immigrant," it means that unless the reluctant elements in the 1927 Act are deleted no Indian can ever get the vote.

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The Government had decided that three constituencies should be given to the Indian community of Natal and the Transvaal and that for electoral purposes the two Provinces should be be considered together and should be equally divided into three constituencies.

There were about 230,000 Indians in Natal and only 25,000 in the Transvaal and the disparity was even greater when the number of electors was taken into account. The Transvaal would not have sufficient voters to form a constituency.

In the Senate it was also proposed to follow the South African Act. The three constituencies for the Assembly would be lumped together and would return one Senator while the other seven would be nominated by the Government for his knowledge and experience of Indian matters.

In the Transvaal there would not be no Indian representative in the Provincial Council because there were few low Indians. A Transvaal European constituency consisted of about 9,000 or 10,000 voters, whereas an Indian constituency would have only a couple of thousand.

In the Natal Provincial Council it was proposed to give the Indians two elected representatives. In the South Africa Act the colour bar was drawn in representation in Parliament, which meant that only Europeans could be elected to the House of Assembly or the Senate, but in the Provincial Councils there was no colour bar.

To restrict Indian representation in the Natal Provincial Council to Europeans it would have been necessary to change the South Africa Act and introduce a new colour bar. They had no intention of doing that Mr Strydom (H N F Waterberg): Does the Prime Minister mean to say that, apart from this Bill, a Native may be a member of the Provincial Council?

The Prime Minister: Yes. That is the position under the South Africa Act and we are following it. Indians represented in Parliament will have exactly the same rights and privileges as other members, subject to certain reservations. They will not be, for instance, be able to elect a Senator, and an Indian Provincial Councillor will not be able to elect a Senator. Those are reservations made in the South Africa Act.

There should be no criticism of the decision to give Indians political representation. This was just and fair, for otherwise rights would be taken away from the Indians and they would be given nothing in return and be left voiceless and unrepresented. Such a change was long overdue and should probably have been made when the Native representation Acts were introduced.

The provisions of the Bill dealing with the Transvaal were intricate, and could be better considered in committee. They had to meet some of the tangles that Feetham Commission had been unable to straighten out and also dealt with the very intimate position of Indians under the gold law.

The land tenure laws in the Transvaal had been continually evaded and the Bill sought to carry out the recommendations of the Mosaiy Commission to counter such evasions.

The original law dealing with Asiatic land tenure in the Transvaal forbade Indians from occupying or owning land in the Transvaal except in areas specified by the Government. That also required elucidation and, in some respects, amplification, and the requirement was also dealt with in the Bill.

WARNING BY SMUTS

COMPLAINTS had been received by the Government recently from various quarters that, as the door had been closed to indiscriminate purchase of land by Indians in the Transvaal and Natal, there were very clear indications of attempts at penetration in the Cape Province.

"I want to utter a warning note to our Indian friends here in the Cape to be careful about this. They precipitated the crisis which led to the Pegging Act.

"But for the large-scale penetration into Durban during the war, our troubles might have been very different and might have taken a much milder form. Those acts of penetration led to the Pegging Act and the Pegging Act has led to this Act. One thing leads to another and at every stage the burden is increased. I want to warn my

Indian friends not to provoke undue irritation and opposition here.

He did not believe the Bill should be overlooked with the problems of the Cape, which had been low. "The Indian community here has been an provocative to a degree and has not an example to Indians in the rest of the Union that being so, we should be making a great mistake in overlook this Bill.

Mr Strauss (U.P. Harrismith) The Indians here Natal will stay land to the Cape.

The Prime Minister: That is what I am warning against. If that happens, you will have panic here I am still spend and many future Governments will be in the same unfavourable position to which I and myself today

The Government of the would not be necessary to send the Bill in a Select Committee, but I think no difficulties in it could be thrashed out in the House. If the Bill went to a Select Committee it would certainly not come through in the House heard the appeal

In spite of present Indian opposition in the Bill I have no doubt that the time will come, and perhaps sooner than most think when the Indians in Natal will recognise the solid advantages they will derive. Ever since the agitation of the last century the position of the Natal Indians has been surrounded with growing misunderstanding, friction and antagonism, and now it has become well-nigh unbearable.

Whatever rights the Indians enjoyed he has enjoyed undoubted and he has never had any sense of insecurity. The time has now come to let him know in reality where he stands and this Bill makes it establish the sound foundations on which the future can be securely built.

"The passing of this Bill does not secure that all evils will be eliminated and all the needs of the Indian community met. The Government does not say it that the Indian gets a square deal in every direction, was beyond the area covered by the present Bill. His crying needs today are housing health, employment and education, and it must be the Government's policy to see that these needs are met as far as is practicable.

Asiatic Commissioner

It was the intention of the Government to ensure that the office of the Commissioner for Immigration and Asiatic Affairs, which never was in fruition since the Ingwenya Agreement of 1927 should be properly organised so that the Indians needs could be watched and attended to.

The Government and particularly in mind the establishment of an advisory committee (on the Board to be established under the Bill) consisting of voluntary workers European and Indians to advise the Government through the Commissioner for Asiatic Affairs on all matters affecting the welfare of Indians—professional educational social and economic welfare.

Asiatic Committee

Such a committee would in various possible avenues of employment in Government and other services and co-operate with the central Government, Provincial Administrations and local authorities for the provision of adequate housing and social amenities. It was not intended to deprive the Indians of any right or privileges they enjoyed today. They would still have the right of access to any department or Minister.

It was necessary for the Government to know the facts, and if there had to be somebody whose job it was to see that the Government's policy was carried out. Therefore the task was being assigned to a special officer under the direction of the Minister of the Interior.

The time had come to settle once and for all the question of where the Indians could live permanently without losing their playhold of interests and politics, and start building on more foundations for the future happiness of everybody.

Indians had to have equal opportunities, especially in securing both employment and education could be dealt with in no other way. It was inevitable how ever, that, as the colour question is almost unique to be one of the Opposition's main planks at the next election, Dr Malan would adopt this strategy. If he had his way presumably all non-Europeans would be compulsorily Jews and the English speaking community would probably suffer the same fate eventually, and a millennium of the general colour question on the basis of separation would establish a principle that would very well fit in with Nationalism a proclaimed policy of a Christian National State with all "non-national elements" in Guided—that is all but the National Afrikaner.

General Smuts in one of the arguments on which he based his defence of the bill once dangerously near to endorsing Dr Malan's doctrine of separation. In justifying the rejection of the economic-based franchise General Smuts made the following statement:

I think South Africa has decided once and for all that one complex society will be dealt with on separate lines. We have done it to the case of the natives, and we are going to do it to the case of the Indians too. Any other system would fail and would lead to endless confusion.

This seems to be the conscientious of a new decision. When did this country decide that our society should be based on a policy of separation, that is, on communal lines? Admittedly these were the lines on which the native problem was decided, but so far as we know that was never accepted or regarded as the basis for future general policy for all non-Europeans. Does General Smuts' virtual rejection of any other system than separation mean that this country will deal with the coloured people on the same lines—the communal way? If that is so, then South Africa will be heading towards the bellicosity of all political structure, with—if Nationalism ever comes to power—a section of the Europeans in the privileged position of the master race. General Smuts should make his attitude on this point clear.

Unfortunate only the debate deteriorated from the high and dispassionate level on which it started, and became merely an opportunity on the Government side for the expression of the resentful dissatisfaction of Indians on which no constructive contribution at all was made that would assist in the solution of this question. Natal was represented by two speakers from different parties. The Rev C. F. Miles Cadman, an Labour spokesman, had an unenviable task, for his party at present is experiencing serious difficulties over its colour policy and his second and last address to the House was merely a lack-luster repetition of Natal's other views came from Mr Frank Lloyd, whose views expressed all the misinformation which has been a feature of certain members of Natal opinion. Mr Lloyd indeed appeared to have a complete absent-grasp of the whole problem and his remarks which symbolism may well his feverish attitude of mind when he talks about Indians.

PRESS COMMENTS
BALKINISING THE UNION?

Writing editorially in its issue of March 26 the *Cape Times* makes the following observations under the above caption:—

GENERAL SMUTS made one of the most difficult speeches of his career yesterday when he initiated the debate on the Government's Asiatic legislation. One felt that he was conscious of the inefficacy of the grounds on which he was treading. On the whole he made as good a case as could be made for a subject, intrinsic enough to all conscience, which was doubly complicated by so much long-standing colour-consciousness feeling. The fact was not left long in doubt. The speeches of Dr Malan and those of his party who followed him showed that the Opposition intend to exploit the Bill to the utmost in support of their racial colour policy. Dr Malan contrasted the method of dealing with it as a party measure with the non-party spirit and method which led marked the handling of the native legislation, and his own handling of the Indian problem, and argued that the Government should use the same methods now. He found further evidence for his joint committee of both Houses should review the whole of the Union's colour question, Indian native and coloured, and evolve legislation to deal with them on the basis of separation. Finally, to allow this to be done, he suggested that the "Pegging Act should be continued for another two years.

The procedure adopted for the native legislation affords Dr Malan no real parallel. As he well knows, native affairs were moved to the Act of Union and

S.A. INDIANS' FUTURE

It was obvious that General Smuts was not altogether happy in his presentation of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill in Indian-based on second reading yesterday within the *Natal Mercury* in its issue of March 26. Had the Prime Minister had his way the occasion would have been a very different one. He was not for the first time in his long and chequered career at the mercy of circumstances beyond his control. The Bill as he introduced it, as no obvious compromise. No reasonable person can honestly condemn it. It goes too far in some respects and not far enough in others. Yet it is difficult in any what else the Prime Minister could have done within the limitations that are at present imposed upon

bins. To have been more liberal as the question of representation for the Indians would have meant the wreckage of his own Party. To have been too repressive on the land tenure question would almost certainly have resulted in the complete estrangement of Natal. In its final form the Bill is a child not the country on this delicate and controversial subject. And yet in one respect—the fundamental necessity for preserving the European orientation of South African society—there was complete unanimity. This, after all is the crux of the whole dispute and is the reason why General Smuts quite rightly turned down as salacious the suggestion for a Round Table conference with the Government of India.

The Bill as far as can be seen at present will go through Parliament, but not without a stormy passage, especially during the committee stage. Many members on both sides of the House will have considerable reservations. But the trouble is to find an alternative. A measure of this nature should normally be considered by a select committee of all Parties. The Prime Minister's anxiety to secure the passage of the Bill as speedily as possible is however understandable for not only does the Pegging Act expire at the end of this week but also of vital importance is the fact that the longer discussion continues the more inflamed are racial feelings likely to become. In this connection the Indians are quite out of their way to credit South European public opinion, by a cunning and ill-advised campaign of distortion and misrepresentation abroad. On the other hand the majority of White people in Natal have been remarkably tolerant, and the weight of vocal opposition to the proposal to grant the Indians political rights in the Natal Provincial Council has been negligible. This in itself is significant, for it shows a readiness to treat the Indian community with fairness and justice while at the same time preserving Natal as a White man's Province. The Indians would, however, do well to remember that there is a limit to patience and tolerance and to suggest, as they are doing that they are being humiliated and subjected to all manner of hard ships is nonsensical to those in full possession of all the facts. They are demanding to be treated as South Africans and yet they are behaving as irresponsible aliens with the inevitable result that they are antagonising European sympathy when their interests would be best served by efforts to cultivate it.

It is of course, easy for the Nationalists to oppose the measure. The onus for what happens in the immediate future is not their concern. If they had their way nothing would suit them better than to make the Indian issue the vital question at the next election which, judging by the character and tone of Dr Malan's amendment is to be fought by his Party largely on an appeal to racial and Colour prejudices. Should this happen it would be a tragedy fraught with the gravest consequences for the Union, and it was only to be hoped that wiser counsels will prevail even in the ranks of the Nationalist Party. Even Dr Malan must surely take cognizance of the many factors which make the present Bill a desirable stepping stone to the ultimate goal of full Parliamentary and Political Rights for all Indians in South Africa. Where General Smuts was on firm ground, however was in insisting that the Bill is a purely domestic matter in which the Union is perfectly entitled to make its own decision. The Prime Minister's adamant refusal to countenance outside interference evoked wholehearted support from every true South African.

'NATIONAL HERALD'S VIEW

Commenting on General Smuts's rejection of the suggestion of a Round Table Conference between the Union and Indian Governments, the *National Herald* (Indian writes as follows:—

FIELD-Marshal Smuts, the Hon. Jan Christian Smuts of South African politics, has rejected the suggestion for a Round Table Conference on the Pegging Bill on the ground that it would amount to intervention in the internal affairs of the Union. The South African Indian Congress, after an exhaustive examination of the Premier has passed two resolutions, to mobilise opposition to the bill and to appeal to the U.N.O. The first step is difficult and the second may be futile and the Field Marshal the last of Britons and pro-Britishers of two world organisations. Between it He also knows that the perpetuation of colour bar means colour war on a world wide scale and that India will not be on side of the whites. But he does not oppose the anti-Indian Dominion Party by this meanness and of racial arrogance, he will not be allowed to remain Premier. He can survive only through his alliance.

Field Marshal Smuts has been trying to appease Indian sentiment by a spray of sweet phrases. Let us live amicably but let an exception we are not equals, he says. The practical piece of legislation is diabolical in intent and represents a Galerus damnosa for the responsible of the preamble of the United Nations Charter It is admitted on all hands, even by spokesmen of the Government of India, that the new bill is worser than the Pegging Act which is to expire in March this year. The main difference is that the Pegging Act was to be a temporary irritation the new measure is to be a permanent torture. Even the right of owning property which Indians in Natal have enjoyed for nearly 60 years, is to go. The bill we are told came as a surprise to the Government of India who were led to expect that the series of measures antagonistic to the Natal Housing Boards Act would settle the question. It appears that it sought to confer on Indians and the Pegging Act would be all well to leave in disuse. One beneficial feature of the new bill which is to retain the restrictions of the Pegging Act, is that the limited representation of the Indians nominally to be appointed on a communal franchise by which Indians possessed of a certain amount of minimum property and educational qualifications would be allowed to vote for European representatives who would represent them in the legislature. This is the limit of white assertivity segregation is to take the form of free areas only. South African Indians know that this struggle has only begun with the passing of the resolutions. They have decided to send legislators to India, America and Britain. The point to be Indians insistently known. While we hate no problems our sympathy will be with them as much as before. While we have no desire to add to the sorrows of Dr Khare and Commonwealth Relations Member who has a sharp tongue and weak knees, we count say that, if he does not put his brain—which includes thrusts against himself—into saving the India Government would be further disgraced. The resolutions of Indian opinion irrespective of parties, is for the recall of the High Commissioner and the immediate application of economic sanctions. This demand was reiterated in the Central Assembly last week and Dr Khare, who proclaimed the difficulty of fighting a Government which was thinly premised to announce in the course of the session what he proposed to do if the suggestion for an R.T.C. failed. We know he will redeem his answer by redeeming his pledge.

It is easy to see that Indians in South Africa divine their hope that Indian India will speak so that we need not wait for a liberation to appeal our Indian brethren. Their humiliation a sure as it has deepened with the years. It is strange that the policy of the whites in South Africa towards Indians should somehow so noiselessly with the policy of the Pilgrims to the Pearls and the Heights in their colonial necessities in Africa. What is the reason. That recall of the High Commissioner will be a great fall and that it will mean the end of the Cabinet on the ground which Indian has never worked unanimously. Application of economic sanctions is another matter. Seattle but it was a battle with fighting. The South African Indians have fought many successful fights alone and if we are to a global battle it will solve this question once for all. If the provisions of the U.N.O. charter do not ensure the cases to reach the norm for the U.N.O. It is a world question and whatever Miss Jan's sake might say we must fight it out on a world plane.

Appeal To Smuts

To Destroy Bill

A last ditch appeal to the Prime Minister General Smuts, to abandon the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill was made on Saturday by Mr. A. I. Kajee the adviser of the South African Indian Congress.

His new General Smuts personally and discussed the problems with him for half an hour. Earlier Mr Kajee saw Dr. D. F. Malan Leader of the opposition and urged him to press the Government to drop the legislation.

The Nationalists are expected in interview a motion of the committee stage of the Bill that the Bill should be divided in two parts, one consecrating the land tenure proposals the other questioning franchise.

General Smuts made it absolutely clear in his second reading speech that the Government regard the Bill as being indivisible and that it must pass through the House as a whole or be dropped as a whole

MR. JOOSUB'S SPEECH AT KLERKSDORP

In a letter to the editor of the *Pretoria News* Mr Nana Sita, Johannesburg secretary of the Pretoria branch of the Transvaal Indian Congress, said that on Wednesday the *Pretoria News* reported a speech by Mr M. Joosub at the opening of the N.I.L. Joosub ward for Indian patients at the Klerksdorp Hospital. The report continued the letter said that Mr Joosub was quoting South African Indian criticising his countrymen on the Asiatic Bill.

In this connection said the letter I desire to bring to the notice of your readers that Mr Joosub is in no way a leading South African Indian and his personal views are of no account so far as the Indian community is concerned.

"Mr Joosub has never held any important post in the political organisation of the Indian community and is not holding any official position at present. He represents nobody and has no authority to speak on behalf of anyone else but himself and in no sense can his views be described as those of the community.

"The organisation of the Indian community in South Africa is the South African Indian Congress, of which the compliment bodies are the Transvaal Indian Congress, the Natal Indian Congress and the Cape Indian Congress. This body unanimously decided at its conference in Cape Town to oppose the Asiatic Bill and invoked the help of India and other countries represented at U.N.O.

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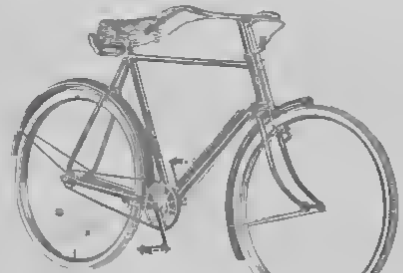
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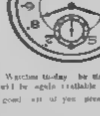
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It is really strange that while the U.N.O. has seemed to London one of the reputed authors of its Charter should propose that Indians in South Africa should be given the right to elect three European representatives to the legislature through a common roll. One of the purposes of the United Nations Charter (Article 1 Section 3) is "to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion. There is no doubt that the treatment of Indians in South Africa is a clear breach of the Charter. It is similar to the treatment of Jews in Germany who were first forced into ghettos through social segregation and then progressively deprived of liberty and finally of life itself. In reply to the Indian delegation which met him recently and pressed for another Round Table Conference between the representatives of the Indian and South African Governments, F.M. Smuts said that he would not permit interference of a foreign Government in a dispute in hand. Opposing the helplessness of such a plea one Mrs Palmer of South Africa says in a booklet "The situation has a very close resemblance to the position of Uitlanders in the Transvaal in the 1890s. The Uitlanders were confined in Transvaal but denied the franchise. World say Natalians why they were wrong in doomed ing the help of the Imperial Government? Yet Natal surely condemns Indians for calling the attention of the Indian Government to their grievances. But in fact the Indians have no far stronger case than the Uitlanders in the Transvaal. The latter were not invited to settle in that country on the country their coming was most unwelcome and was frowned upon and obstructed in every possible way. But none of the Indian were brought here at the measure with indeed urgent request—of the Natal Government." So long as any people are denied elementary rights of citizenship, it becomes the international duty of every free country to intervene on their behalf. The Indian Government have every right to fight for their nationals in South Africa as long as they are discriminated discriminated against and oppressed. There should be no India tion in applying economic sanctions which will helps the dispute within the jurisdiction of the Security Council and the Assembly of the U.N.O. The cause of Indians of South Africa should indeed be made a test case for the protection of all discriminated and racially oppressed peoples all over the world.

GEN. SMUTS' ACTION CONDEMNED

GENERAL SMUTS has acted seemingly in rejecting the suggestion of the South African Indian Congress that representatives of the Union Government and the Government of India should meet in a round table to discuss what is called the Indian question locally will mean be a free country. Under a national Government her moral and material progress will be rapid. Like Russia she will become one of the most powerful nations in the world. The difficulties then left, a prom Englishman has said grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel. If General Smuts were wise, he would take steps to maintain cordial relations with India. His refusal to call a round table conference will alienate not merely the 250 000 Indian residents of South African but the 400 million people who inhabit India.

General Hertzog has been reported to have told the leaders of the South African Indian Congress who waited on him at Cape Town that he call a round table conference with representatives of the Indian Government meant interference with internal affairs of South Africa. No one who is familiar with the sovereign status of the Union Government then Gen Hertzog like would rather accede from the British Empire than submit to any interference in the affairs of that Union by the British Government. But he (when called a round table conference with representatives of the Government of India first in 1926 and then again in 1932 as a result of the discussions relations between the two countries has proved unsatisfactorily in 1925 the the situation in South Africa was somewhat similar to the situation at the present time. The Union Government had under considera tion the Class Areas Bill, the object of which was the same as that of the legislation which General Smuts proposes to introduce now namely the segregation of Indians. The nationals of the Round Table Conference of 1926 was that the Union Government abandoned the Class Areas Bill and accepted the principle that "it is the duty of every civilised government to devise ways and means and to take all possible steps for the uplifting of every section of their permanent population to the full extent of their capacity and opportunities" It is not impossible that in 1926 as again on this occasion the two Governments may arrive at an agreement if they meet at a round table.

The South African Premier asked the Indian delegation to give considerations to his proposals. The subsequent negotiations will end only social degradation not economic emancipation. If was Mr Molmgar South Africa's deputy Prime Minister who once said, Any form of segregation must either immediately or ultimately limit their (Indian) commercial opportunities and that is why your Indian leader will resist segregation on he would resist economic death' Gen Smuts should therefore not be surprised if the Indian community rejects his proposals Justice can well pendance demand that Gen Smuts should abandon the proposal to segregate Indians. The international situation is not at all satisfactory. The bigger powers distrust one another at the present moment in the same way as they did before the outbreak of war World War No. III will be on even more fatal war than the war that has just ended It will come by South Africa to have India's friendship and goodwill. *Leader* (Allahabad)

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Issue Before UNO

New Delhi, Tuesday

The Government of India is seriously considering the question of transfer the South African issue (raised by the Asiatic land tenure legislation) before UNO and will take a decision very soon. This was stated by the Commonwealth Relations Secretary Mr R N Banerjee, in the Central Legislative Assembly today. In view of Mr Banerjee's assurance the president ruled out of order an adjournment motion tabled by Makarej Rao Sri Vijaya of Vizianagram (United Provinces land Tillers constituency) to discuss the treatment of the Commonwealth citizens in member Dr B N Khare that the Indian Government should raise the South African Indian questions before the Security Council. Dr Khare was making a question in the Council of State (Upper House) but Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, Leader of the Government of India examining the question, said whether the subject of discriminatory legislation affecting Indians in South Africa could be placed before the United Nations Assembly.

Deliberate Move

New Delhi, Wednesday

The Congress daily newspaper, *Hindustan Times*, edited by Mr Kailas Nandan, son of Mr Deenbas Gandhi, strongly criticised the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representations Bill introduced in the Union Assembly by the Hon'ble Mr Smuts, General Smuts. It is nothing short of presumption on the part of General Smuts to talk of giving a second deal to Indians and of trying to guarantee the social peace and good ordering of our society. On the contrary the Bill is the very negation of these professions and seeks deliberately to crush the Indian community for the sake of building white supremacy. General Smuts's reference to the community's claims in India is described by the *Hindustan Times* as "as dishonest as it is inexplicable for, the paper adds "In India communal electorates were invented to give minorities representation far in excess of their population ratio as South Africa it is being devised as Indians to deny them their due representation."

No Valid Reason

London, Saturday

Consideration is now being given by members of the Central Legislative Assembly at New Delhi to placing India's dispute

FROM SAPA-REUTER

with South Africa over the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill before the United Nations Organisation as it is not being viewed seriously in authoritative British quarters. It is understood that the possibility of such a move has been examined and the competent view is that there are no valid grounds which would justify the issue being raised at UNO. Note has been taken of General Smuts's own comment in the Union House of Assembly about criticism from India of the Bill, especially his reference to the fact that the Bill is essentially an internal measure to provide for the social peace and good ordering of our society."

Chamber Of Commerce Condemns

New Delhi Sunday

That the Government of India should take up the subject of the ill-treatment of Indians in South Africa with UNO was among the demands made in a resolution passed by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry at its annual meeting. The resolution condemned the Government of India's weak and vacillating policy with regard to the application of economic sanctions against South Africa and demanded the recall of the High Commissioner while appreciating the step though belated taken by the Government of India to terminate the trade agreement with South Africa, the resolution says the Federation cannot but reiterate the demand that all exports from India to South Africa should be frozen forthwith and exports stopped with as little delay as possible.

To Attain Peace And Happiness

Dar-es-Salaam, Sunday

The salient bar and racial segregation must disappear if lasting peace and happiness are to be attained said Dr S. B. Malik, leader of Dar-es-Salaam Indians regarding the Asiatic Land Tenure Bill now before the Union Parliament. Dr Malik said the proposed measures are unjust and humiliating in the whole Indian race and are liable to affect personally hundreds of millions who desire to remain as an integral unit within the framework of the British Commonwealth. Indians in Tanganyika have sent messages to General Smuts and the Government of India asking them to withdraw the Bill. Dr Malik said that Tanganyika Indians will take practical steps if necessary to help right the wrong being done to South Africans Indians.

Disgrace To Any Government

New Delhi, Thursday

"It should be a matter of disgrace to any government to treat a section of its subjects as outcasts in the manner which our countrymen who settled in South Africa are being treated at present said Sir Taj Bahadur Sapru, the veteran liberal leader in a message to the South African Indian delegation now in India. The delegation met Sir Sapru at his residence. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru were also present. Sir Sapru in his statement said "It seems to me that while the world has changed, General Smuts has not. I do not find the slightest change in his conception of the status of the Indians, and their rights and privileges as members of a common empire, since the time I met him at the Imperial conference in 1929. Granted South Africa is a sovereign state, and granted that India is not at the present moment a sovereign state does that justify any moral or ethical ground, the humiliating treatment to which the Indians are being subjected to the matter of representation and other ordinary rights of citizenship in South Africa?" asked Sir Sapru, who added "I hope and trust that the Government of India will lose no time in asking the good offices of His Majesty's Government on behalf of our Indians." Sir Sapru said that it would not be enough to recall the Indian High Commissioner, adding "If the Indian nationals, living in any part of the Empire are to be treated in this manner surely there would be an economic decree of punishment for the Indian member in charge of the Overseas Department of the Government of India) to serve his association with the Government."

Similar To Nazi Doctrine

New Delhi Friday

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, announcing on the India policy of the South African Government said "the policy pursued by General Smuts is too near unpleasant to the Nazi doctrine." He added "what the Indians is going to be in South Africa may be but I [illegible] the utmost contempt [illegible] are not going [illegible] policy and we will [illegible] all the consequences [illegible] this policy not only [illegible] Africa, but in Asia [illegible] and in the whole world [illegible] it raises a fundamental issue which applies [illegible] Asia and Africans and [illegible] called coloured races. [illegible] on this issue is not solved [illegible] factorily, it is going [illegible] common in the peace [illegible] world." It might [illegible] possible said Nehru [illegible] the occasion for a full [illegible] but General Smuts has [illegible] to bring it in [illegible] now. Well I [illegible] sorry it is not [illegible] there only questions [illegible] possible. Pandit Nehru [illegible] that he did not expect [illegible] to go to war with South Africa [illegible] but I do expect [illegible] and the rest of the British [illegible] pire, if they mean [illegible] it, to discuss it [illegible] South Africa and [illegible] from the fun by [illegible] follows that Nazi doctrine [illegible] UNO, Europe [illegible] Asia and [illegible] not do that the [illegible] come when all Asia [illegible] and so might Africa."

S.A. Demands Incorporation Of S.W. Africa

New Delhi Friday

India's attitude towards the repeated South African demand for the incorporation of South West Africa into Union territory was the subject of a question in the Central Assembly today. The Congress Party member Prof N G Ranga drew the attention of the Secretary External Affairs Mr H. Weightman, to a press report that General Smuts had told the South African House of Assembly that of the recent meeting of the United Nations South Africa would claim that the former German territory of South West Africa not be under the League of Nations mandate would be incorporated into Union territory.

Prof Ranga asked whether in view of South Africa's anti-colour prejudices and policies as exemplified in her treatment of negroes and of Asiatics and also her anti-Asiatic legislation calculated to aggravate the present bills against Indian settlers, the Government of India proposed to consider the advisability of instructing their delegates to UNO to make strong exception to this South African proposal and save the Negro residents of South West Africa from the unwanted guardianship of the South African Government. The External Affairs Secretary said the instructions be given to the

Indian representative would be nominated if and when the question of incorporating South West Africa into Union territory was brought before UNO.

Another Congress member, Mr Manu Subedar, asked "in view of the fact that by the proposed transfer the position of Indians in that territory would be worsened what steps are the Government taking in order to undo this aspect to the motion of UNO straight away?"

The leader of the House, Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, replied, "that is one of the questions which undoubtedly the Government of India will have in mind when they come to a decision."

Mr Seth Govindas (Congress) asked whether the Government were aware of General Smuts' pleas in bringing South Africa, West Africa and East Africa into one country.

Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar replied "I am unable to say what the plans of General Smuts are."

Deputation Appeals To Moslem League

New Delhi, Saturday

The South African Indian delegation met the Working Committee of the All-India Moslem League, which is now in session and placed the case of the Indians in South Africa before the Committee. The delegation urged the Committee to ask the Indian Government to take steps to instruct the High Commissioner to understood that the Committee has assured the delegation that it would do everything in its power to help the Indians in South Africa.

America Approves Of Indian Trade Reprisals

Washington Thursday.

India is perfectly justified in taking trade reprisals against South Africa, said Mr Emanuel Celler, a Democrat member of the House of Representatives for New York. Mr Celler suggested that India should take similar action against the United States of Congress failed to pass the Indian Immigration and Naturalisation Bill. "A great many Indians are living in total to conditions of feudal slavery," said Mr Celler who called upon Indians to take heroic measures against South Africa, severing not only the trade agreement but all trade relations. He said this would be a warning to the United States which still discriminated against Indians on the basis of nationality and bar migration.

BRITISH DELEGATION

CONFER WITH VICEROY

(FROM SAPA REUTER)

New Delhi Monday

The three members of the British Cabinet Mission to India, Lord Pethick Lawrence, Secretary of State for India; Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, and Mr A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, started their task early today with a long conference with the Viceroy, Field-Marshal Lord Wavell in the afternoon the mission had discussions with the Governors of Provinces. Later they met the Governors of Assam and the North-West Frontier Provinces separately.

Pethick Lawrence Told Press

The Secretary of State for India, Lord Pethick Lawrence, told a press conference here today "the discussions once to begin are preliminary to the setting up of machinery whereby the terms under which India can realise her full independent status can be determined by Indians. Lord Pethick Lawrence added, "I have no doubt that the interest of our Indian friends will be safeguarded."

Poona, Friday

Mahatma Gandhi will leave for Delhi tomorrow by special train after answering letters from the members of the British Cabinet Mission to India—Lord Pethick Lawrence, Secretary of State for India, and Sir Stafford Cripps, president of the Board of Trade.

No Palace But Hut

Poona, Friday

When Mahatma Gandhi arrives in Bombay he will not stay, as he has done previously in the palace of Mr Birla, a wealthy Indian industrialist but in the "untouchable's" colony at Wadi. Mahatma Gandhi stated in his weekly paper *Harijan* that in future he will always stay in the untouchables quarter of any town he visits. He will stay in a sweeper's hut in New Delhi when he goes there next week to meet the British Cabinet Mission.

Protest

Bombay, Saturday

Hundreds of untouchable mill workers held a procession at Worli, a Bombay suburb, to protest against the arrangements made by Mahatma Gandhi to stay in an untouchable's hut at Worli during his stay in Bombay when entrants from Poona to New Delhi. The workers held a mass meeting at which speeches were made against Mahatma Gandhi and Congress.

Ambedkarites Oppose

Bombay Sunday

Members of the "untouchable" community took part today in a hostile demonstration here against Mahatma Gandhi who spent five hours in the city on his way from Poona to New Delhi. Shortly before Gandhiji's arrival an attempt was made to set fire to the hut in the "sweepers colony" at Worli. a Sunday reports where Gandhiji intends to stay during his future visits to Bombay. Benches were also thrown at the hut. Mahatma Gandhi's decision to stay among the untouchables was opposed by the followers of Dr Ambedkar, Scheduled Castes Federation (the latter holds certain acts) on the ground that Mahatma Gandhi is not a friend of the untouchables and his association with the community is an embarrassment. Assembling near the hut they shouted hostile slogans and waved black flags. Local residents and Congress volunteers failed an attempt to set fire to the hut. Two persons were injured on a result of stones. Later Mr. Arnold police rendered order before Gandhiji's arrival and an incident occurred during his five hours stay in Bombay.

Mission Commence Talks

New Delhi Saturday

The British Cabinet Mission which is at present in India with wide powers to negotiate the country's independence commenced its talks today Sir Stafford Cripps, the President of the Board of Trade and a member of the Mission, made his first formal contact when he met Dr Mohammad Ali Jinnah the President of the All India Moslem League. Their talks which lasted a remarkable time, took place at Dr Jinnah's bungalow. The next formal appointment is on Monday, when Mahatma Gandhi is due in New Delhi from Poona. He is leaving by special train today, after receiving letters from Sir Stafford Cripps and Lord Pethick Lawrence, the Secretary of State for India, who is also a member of the Mission.

Gandhiji Talks With Muslims

New Delhi, Wednesday

Mahatma Gandhi looked cheerful as he left the Viceroy's house after an 85 minute talk with the British Cabinet Mission. Asked whether he would meet the Mission again he said "Ask them. I am here at their behest. Earlier today the Mission continuing their talks with Indian leaders, held an hour and three quarter conference with Dr Abul Kalam Azad, the president of the All India Congress Party, who afterwards told the Press that he was "entirely satisfied with the progress of the talks and the spirit in which they were proceeding."

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the leading Congress leader said that only way to deal with the present trouble was to see closely that Indian independence was recognised and then to leave the Indians to manage their differences, and to find a way out without interference from outside.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who will be one of the leading press spokesmen in the talks with the British Cabinet this week said "It is always difficult to consider the differences in the presence of a third party which seeks to clarify the situation. When it is seen clearly and definitely realised that India is going to function as an independent entity, the people of India of the various groups and communities must come to terms, or unfortunately fight before they come to terms.

Demands Hearing

New Delhi, Wednesday

A threat to picket the residences of the British Cabinet Mission in New Delhi from April 3, unless a hearing was given to the Hindu Mahasabha Party was made in a telegram to the Mission from Laxman Ganesh Thatte, the secretary of the All India Hindu Federation front. The Hindu Mahasabha is, unlike the Congress Party, exclusively Hindu. Founded as a social and cultural organisation it has lately been developing a political programme. The Mission—consisting of Lord Pethick Lawrence, Secretary of State for India; Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade and Mr A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty—will commence meet the Governors of the Provinces of British India. The talks are expected to last two days. Next week they will meet Indian political leaders and the Princes of the Indian States. It is understood that the Indian Princes have not prepared a cut and dried plan for the Mission but are likely to

affairs that while they still not stand in the way of India's advance in independence they are anxious that any treaty between themselves and the Crown should not be revised without their consent.

Executive Members Must Mission

New Delhi, Wednesday

Members of the Viceroy's Executive Council are understood to have individually expressed to the British Cabinet Mission their willingness to resign if, in the view of the Mission, it would facilitate the establishment of an interim central government and lead to a final settlement of India's constitutional problems. Each members of the Executive Council (India's 'cabinet') is believed to have given his own views on India's constitutional future and interim regime, while the members of the Mission—Lord Pethick Lawrence (Secretary of State for India), Sir Stafford Cripps (President of the Board of Trade) and Mr A. V. Alexander (First Lord of the Admiralty took notes

INDIA LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent)

THE Indo-South African problem which has been in the forefront for quite a number of years has today assumed the foremost of an international character on account of the persistent and thoroughly unwise action of the Union Government in proceeding, in total disregard of the appeals and representations made by Indians, with the legislation of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill enacting as it does a moral issue which concerns humanity as a whole. Leading papers throughout the country of all shades of opinion have disclaimed the question editorially, strongly condemning the proposed legislation.

Under the caption 'Playing with Fire,' the *Hindu* of Madras says that General Smuts in meeting the second reading of the Bill seems to deny that the Bill is to insult an Indian at a challenge to Asia. In view of the fact that the present Bill will settle the issue and "establish on order in South Africa in which the various communities in our society can live peacefully and quietly together" in other words, the older statesman of the Empire thinks that once the Indian and the African are put in their places at the lower end of the social ladder the white South Africans can settle down to a permanent life as the rulers of the country." Commenting on the common advanced by the *Cape Times* in supporting the measure, the paper adds: If the *Cape Times* means that the whites wish to preserve a high standard of life, that is precisely the object of the non-European demand for political power and the truth of the matter is that the Indians are being ideologised mainly because they have already gained in wealth and social status.' The *Hindu* concludes: 'In [the Bill a] sense ignorance will be met only in blood and [most] India, which is on the verge of full unleashed has to throw the Indian into partnership with the African community which is the majority group in the country. General Smuts is destroying the last vestiges of Indian opposition in the Union and compelling a new unity between the peoples whom he is treating as helots and underdogs.

The Times of India, Bombay, on Anglo Indian daily, says 'This fateful issue is laid before the South African Legislature, on whose consistent roots responsibility lies restraining or settling about a course of events which some sense or later have international repercussions. No doubt and an effort must be put in bringing this last house in all members of the Union Parliament. This crisis has at least this merit namely that it creates a situation which must lead to a final decision whether resistance to racialism as higher moral values govern the immediate action of the South African Parliament. Today's legislation is alone all, but the imposition is upon form of racism like Hitlerism in which has been carried to endless of very limited liberalism.

The paper adds "While in South Africa the Union Government has announced its intention of legislating in a way which should inspire increasingly adverse discrimination against South African Indians, in West Africa the European community is vigorously opposing the British Labour Government's proposal to provide for direct Indian representation on a legislative body to which the common matters of common concern affecting the three territories of Kenya Tanganyika and Uganda. For immediate purposes, therefore, there is this much difference in the two problems in as much as a direct attempt is being made to worsen the position while in other there is direct opposition to improving it. The *Times* concludes "the Indian community in South African cannot be blamed for taking such steps as may be open to them to initiate organised moral resistance.

After discussing at length the implications of the economic sanctions against South Africa, all of which has recently been given by the Government of India the Commerce Member's Special weekly of finds they write: If the imposition of economic sanctions is not going to be effective, it may be asked why resort to it at all? Our answer is: it will be that economic sanctions are being imposed not by the United Nations. It will also be any effective sanction but that it is the only way of affording to demonstrating to the Empire and the world India's deep resentment at the injustice that the Union Government is perpetrating on the Indians. If the British Empire fails to enforce in this matter the Government of India is in duty bound to raise the issue at the next meeting of the U N O and seek justice at the bar of the world. The paper goes on to say "As the communal sanctions decided upon by the Government of India have failed to bring sanity in the Union Government, we feel that His Majesty's Government must take up the matter and bring about a peaceful solution, if it believes in and wishes for the solidarity of its Empire. If, however, matters are allowed to drift, it will certainly sow the seeds for another deadly war which should be avoided at all costs."

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The Bombay Provincial Assembly Congress Party elected Mr B G Kher as its leader Mr Kher hereby indicated his deep resentment at some of the acts done by the Advisory regime. He told the members that he could never forgive the Governor of Bombay for winding up the Prohibition which the Congress introduced. He was very sorry that the Police Force in Bombay instead of being the servants of the people acted the other way. Government acted irresponsibly in trying to create fear in the people's mind instead of serving them. He was sorry that the Service people had become very corrupt and harrassed innocent people. He pledged that the first duty of the Congress Ministry when it came would be to save all this. About 35 lakhs of rupees had voted for the Congress in the Presidency and naturally that new House should allow Congress to deliver from the task. "I would rather die than prove faithless to the people who have nobly supported the Congress. He indicated that removal of untouchability and redress of agrarian grievances is a million to appeal efforts to solve the food and cloth scarcity problem would also form the main plank of the Congress Ministry's programme in Bombay Mr Kher's speech has been welcomed in all progressive circles Congress as well as non Congress.

When talk of cloth scarcity in Bombay I am reminded of the speech made by Mr Krishnaraj Thackersey, Chairman of the Textile Control Board, at the last quarterly meeting. The speaker said that about new cloth was available there would be no reduction in the price of cloth this year for various reasons. The price of cloth now is 45 per cent. of the 1943 level. It still works at 300 to 2.0 per cent. more than the pre-war levels. In 1943 cloth prices were roughly five times pre war level. The Government of India do not agree with Mr Krishnaraj that there would be no further reduction in the price of cloth Therefore they propose to appoint a special committee to enquire into Mr Krishnaraj's reading. The advent of Congress Ministries in nine provinces would certainly result in a fillip in the cottage industries. Within six months time the position of handloom and handwoven cloth would definitely improve and mean cloth would be available for the general public.

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BOMDAY city and suburbs went to polls on Monday the 12th March This is the commencement of General Municipal

in the Bombay province which will be on till 25th instant when voting will conclude.

There are six seats from the city and suburbs including two reserved for scheduled caste candidates. The city and suburbs for administrative also are divided into three constituencies, three seats having been allotted to each of them. Ex Minister Dr. Gilder Mr Desai of the K. E. M. Hospital Dr. Jivraj Mehta the Treasurer of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, Mr. Bhavsaji Arjun Khimji, a rural village Indian tribesman; Talkmi L. Mehta are contesting the Congress candidature. There were eighteen candidates for these six seats, nine from the Congress, two from Ambedkarites for the reserved seats, four independent candidates from the scheduled castes and two from the the Hindu Mahasabha Polling was unique in several respects. This was one of the earliest elections I have witnessed during the last 30 years. Thanks to the extensive ground work done by the Congress committees voters, poured into the election booths from 8 in the morning, in a very orderly and disciplined manner proceeding a peaceful calm atmosphere. There were no chances of disputes or any hustling. They walked in long queues at the 36 polling booths took their voting paper from the clerks and polled their vote in the booths. There was an emotional atmosphere now the polling booths which is a remarkable event taking into consideration the heat its and haste created by Dr. Ambedkar's letter thereby the electioneering campaigns. The counting of votes cast today in the city and suburbs will take place on Wednesday the 30th instant. It is in progress two divisions that all the Congress candidates would be returned.

Each votes has three votes to give. Dr. Ambedkar's workers exploited this fully and persuaded their supporters to cast all those votes for their candidates in the reserved constituencies. But the Congress supporters boldly announced and even if the votes are split into one for each Congress candidate, all the Congress candidates will have an easy sailing, and be returned in large majorities.

There are 175 seats in the Bombay Legislature of which nearly 31 have been returned unopposed. Contest in many of the constituencies are practical and the Congress would be assured in close majority accommodating at least, 125 out of 175 members.

The most event of importance during the week under review was the celebration of the diamond jubilee of the Imamate of His Highness the Aga Khan.

The 48th Imam Hazar Hon H. H. Mowlana Sir Sultan Mahomed Shah, Aga Khan third of the third Ismaili Imams whose Imamate has lasted over sixty years. The first one was the 18th Imam, Shah Mostem Mirshah who was the spiritual head for sixty years from 427 to 487 Hijri. The second distinguished Imam was the 46th one Aga Shah Hasanali Shah, Aga Khan the 1st and grandfather of the present Aga Khan He came from Persia and settled in India. His converted several Hindus into Ismailis. His Imamate has lasted for 45 years from 1253 to 1298 Hijri.

The 48th Imam the present Aga Khan completed sixty years of Imamate in August 1945 He came to the Mazandi (Qadi) of the Imamate in 1885 at the age of eight. Aga Khan is a colourful personality and there were many colourful events in his life in official political and spiritual worlds. He is a great ally and supporter of the British Empire. All his political activities are based upon his firm friendship with the British Government. Accepting Lord Minto's request Sir has led the Muslim Deputation in 1906 and urged for introduction of separate electorates which is the base of Indian political life. The seed of India as a United Nation was actually sown by him for the benefit of the British Govt. Introduction of separate electorates is responsible for keeping the two communities hopelessly divided thus enabling the British Government to continue their rule in this land. Let us hope this year of his Diamond Jubilee which was elevation with the visit of the British Cabinet Delegation to India will lead to a solution of the Indian problem and undoing of the mischief done forty years ago.

On the commercial side Aga Khan is a great economy He has helped the Ismaili community to expand business in every part of the world Himself a rich land lord, he has carefully invested his funds in several business enterprises which bring him huge returns His followers gave him a percentage of their trade as offerings.

On the spiritual side, he is very popular among his fellow women to whom he leads in prayers on important occasions.

On the ethical side in lived well enjoyed life fully married four wives. He has once the best society life in Europe and England. He is well known figure in the sporting world. He won the racing cup in England in 1936 and in France He won the Derby three times, a rare event in the racing world as I headed the list of winning owners in England seven times.

Bombay a libration of the Diamond Jubilee was very unique. Perhaps this is the only religious book or perhaps the only individual who had been weighed against diamonds. Over 40,000 of his followers from different parts of India and neighbouring Muslim countries had assembled in Bombay to witness this function. There was an elaborate programme for five days which concluded with the weighing ceremony. This took place on Sunday the 16th last at the Brabourne Stadium in the presence of his followers alike of Bombay and several Indian princes totalling over 1,00,000/

The most astonishing aspect of the celebration was the arrangement of loading of the visitors by the Reception Committee. How they were able to collect food grains and other food stuffs for a crowd of over 50,000 still contains a mystery All the restrictions imposed by the Government regarding distribution of foodgrains seem to have been honoured more in the breach than in observance and the feeding of 50 000 per Mem went on for a week both morning and evening.

The Reception Committee collected over Rs. 75,00,000 from his Ismaili community The minimum subscription was Rs. 12 each the maximum Rs. 12 000/

Aga Khan's followers in South Africa purposed to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee by weighing him against diamonds at Dar-Es-Salaam on 18th August 1945

Mayville District Indian Football Association

The Mayville District Indian Football Association held its Annual General Meeting at Peter's Lounge when over 65 sportsmen comprising of officials and club delegates attended. The President Mr. R. Rambee who presided sincerely welcomed the gathering after which got down to the business on the agenda. Considerable the resignation of the Association he paid amongst compliments, a glowing tribute to the efficient manner in which the Secretary accomplished his arduous duties. In Mr Chetty M. Pillay we have had one of the finest and ablest secretaries he said. Others such as Messrs C. Munsamy K. Lutchman, V. S. Vadival Pillay, and C. D. Damian also eulogised and congratulated the Secretary on the splendid work performed by him. The election of officials for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Patrons Messrs. R. Rambee Singh and M. M. Pillay President Mr. M. Reuben Vice Presidents: Messrs. R. Ragnath, M. M. Friday C. Munsamy V. S. Vadival Pillay, Josh Gangiah, J. Naman R. Sinkidee, G. E. Naidoo K. Lutchman Hon. Secretary Mr. Charles M. Pillay Hon Treasurer Mr. G. R. Naidoo Record Clerk Mr. M. G. Dennis Fine Assist. Secy Mr. S. Jay nath Hon Auditor Mr. R. I. Naidoo

Kathiawar Football Club

The following were elected officials of the above Club for the ensuing season:- Patrons Councillor Haji Ebrahim Haji Ismail (Mombasa) Mr. A. Paker Ismail and Mr. Ismail Meera. President Mr. D. K. Ismail Vice President Messrs V. M. Mahomed, G. Maghraji A. M. Laugry Haque Fazia, Ahmed Esmail, G. Khan & M. Rawat Ramsay, D. Joomla, H. Hasan A. Khan K. Meyer Mukaje Kamal. Hon Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. A. H. Suleman Hon Assist. Secretary Mr. M. Osman Manager Mr. A. K. Ally Captain Mr. F. Jangoon. Del to Sunday League: Messrs A. I. Maliamu and F. Jangoon

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GANDHIJI'S CALCUTTA HOSTS

By BHARATAN KUMARAPPA

TWO or three hours before we got in Calcutta, a man along with a few others entered our compartment and sought admission in Gandhiji's. As usual we prevented him thinking that he was like the innumerable others who come for darshan. We discovered however that he had been sent all that way with food for us from the Khadi Pratishtan. Sodepur where we were to stay during Gandhiji's Calcutta sojourn. We then came under the care and protection of our hosts even when we were still 70 or 80 miles away from Calcutta.

About 15 minutes before we reached Howrah station, the train pulled up at a wayside railway crossing where Gandhiji was received by our host, Sri Satish Chandra Das Gupta. At that time a few workers of the Khadi Pratishtan boarded our compartment and would not leave us the train. They had been allotted special duties. Some were to put us in cars when we reached Howrah and to escort us to Sodepur others to collect our luggage and bring it in a lorry. There was an hitch, no dispute or discussion. Everything was managed quietly, smoothly and well according to plan.

The Khadi Pratishtan is 10 miles out of Calcutta. Before Gandhiji started the non-cooperation movement, Satish Babu on our host is called for short, was connected with the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works and was, it is said the brain behind that firm. He was a chemist and was earning handsomely there. But when Gandhiji called for men to organise work for the poverty-stricken masses of our land, he left the Bengal Chemicals and founded in 1924 the Khadi Pratishtan for the spread of spinning and sometimes and sale of pure khaddar. In 1927 he and his wife renounced all their property owing to the influence of Gandhiji on their lives. The dedication was premonitated by the death of two of their sons, one at the age of 19 and the other 13, which occurred in the years 1926 and 27, and to whom they were greatly devoted. Satish Babu had bought some land in Sodepur not far from the Bengal Chemicals and was putting up a garden house there for his eldest son but with the death of his two sons, he decided to regard all especially by the poor as his own children, and turned over his building and land and his money to a Trust which was to administer them in the thirties at promoting khadi and other cottage industries.

The garden house is the building forming three sides of a square, and situated in about 10 acres of land. In a part of this sand fruits and vegetables are grown, and in another part, especially that in the front and the side of the house, is found full flower garden abounding in rose jasmines, marigolds, queen of the night and such like.

Gandhiji and we of his party were given two wings of the house. They were fitted up for us with electric lights and water taps. Beds were built in the compound, especially for Gandhiji to take his morning and evening walks in the garden undisturbed by crowds. The whole place looked neat, cool, restful and clean. We ate in a common dining room adjoining the kitchen. All the inmates of this colony about 120 boys and men were formed into workers and volunteers to attend to the many tasks connected with entertaining Gandhiji. Some of his volunteers were required merely to guard the roads and the gates to prevent the crowds from rushing into the compound to see Gandhiji. Barricades had to be put up everywhere for this purpose. Errands had to be run, telephone calls attended to, visitors escorted in and out, cars arranged for arriving guests brought from Calcutta, hundreds fed in batches, provided loo-shoe after the chair load, bath and washing of clothes, the rooms and the roads swept, and all this went on smoothly and with the regularity of clock work.

I was struck by the care and thought devoted to every detail, and the very efficient way in which everything was organised. Judging from this, I thought that these was no wonder that Satish Babu was so successful with the Bengal Chemicals. But when I complimented him on it, he said in my utter surprise that he had nothing to do with it. It was all being managed by his wife Hemprabha Devi. His giving all the credit was not just chivalry on his part as I soon discovered. For if anything had to be done, it was always Ma, as they called her that had to be approached she was not educated in the modern sense and could not speak English. But she was the central pivot round which the whole machinery operated so efficiently and with out friction. And yet nobody who did not take the trouble to enquire could find out that it was she who was responsible, not merely for the temporary arrangements made for us but also permanently for the entire management of the khadi Pratishtan. Even Hemprabha Devi herself would have nothing said or had to claim the position. She looked after the rooms and so had the final say as to what might or might not be done.

As the khadi institution is on a small basis when During 1944 its sales are summed as many as 4500 and waver about 150 and were confined in about 60 villages. They produced Khadi to the value of Rs. 12,000. Despite hundred rise accounting to Rs. 3,18,000 assumed all from khadi to the extent of Rs. 2,98,000 gone due to the value of Rs. 1 88,000 hand made paper accounting to Rs. 3800, and leather goods valued at Rs. 30,000 were sold during the year Many worth Rs. 1755 and simple medicines manufactured in the Khadi Pratishtan amounting to Rs 2255 were sold during the same period This amount again less medicines distributed free. The match industry was closed owing to the use and consequent milk production has been started this year The total income and expenditure of the institution in 1944 was Rs 10 03 11—3—0 and Rs 10 77 48—12—6 respectively

The Khadi Pratishtan is entirely self supporting. No appeal is made for funds. If there is a deficit, expenses are curtailed and if there is a profit it goes into the work. Satish Babu and Hemprabha Devi have managed to get around them a few devoted workers who like them absolutely their main interest from the Pratishtan. Only such people are given responsibility, not those who receive pay The greater the responsibility the less the salary Service and sacrifice are thus the basis of economy in this institution The relationship of Satish Babu and Hemprabha Devi to the inmates of the colony is that of parents to children They relate in regard Arms their son in regard more different from the other boys and more in the colony For them he and they are to the same footing The ordinary family relationships ceased for them when they founded the colony and now the whole colony is their family in a very real sense. Students who came for training are given instruction not only in cottage industries and business management but also in moral and spiritual matters. One of the conditions laid down for admission is willingness to do scavenging and to treat all alike including the so-called untouchables. Satish Babu devotes himself primarily to training and research He has several schools organised under him in all and has written voluminous and authoritative works entitled Home and Village Doctor" and "The Cow in India."

Satish Babu's brother, Sri Kshitish Chandra Das Gupta, is an busy as he, running about the place absorbing to general work like roads, buildings, garden beds, lights and motorists. He is he man almost every where at the same time. His special field however is bee keeping which is flourishing under his watchful care. He has made several inventions in the way of bee-keeping equipment. Satish Babu's only surviving son, Arun, has grown up in the Khadi Pratishtan, Sodepur being the various types of industrial work carried on there, and as soon himself saw ability in the manufacture and disposition of simple and cheap machines useful for them doing village work, and also in looking after a small hospital attached to the institution. Besides him Satish Babu has a daughter who is married to a very successful Calcutta solicitor She stayed in Sodepur during our visit there and was given the task of looking after the food arrangements for us guests. Our number was legion and it was by no means easy to cater to each person's desires and needs. But she did it with the greatest competence and ease and to the satisfaction of everybody She also helped in serving and always appeared at the end of the meal If we had been all this we wanted

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Basis Of Freedom

[illegible] The Imperial Conference [illegible] thoughtful people who have followed the reported debates on the Indian Bill will certainly be thankful that its provisions [illegible] almost without exception [illegible] They appointed that they were satisfying Dr Malan's [illegible] Nationalist Government [illegible] Smuts [illegible] Labour Government [illegible] Commonwealth [illegible] Nationalist Government

INDIAN LAND TENURE BILL

APPROVED BY MR. HOFMEYR

Dr Malan, Leader of the Opposition, interjecting said this was not true, on the correspondence between him and the Government of India showed

Mr Hofmeyr said Dr Malan never lost a discussion with the Government of India on South Africa's affairs he would not get away from that Dr Malan could not have done otherwise.

Today the Government of India were being criticised for intervening in South African affairs and South African Indians were being criticised for looking outside South Africa for help. It was forgotten that most of the South African Indians or their ancestors, came to South African because of an inter-Governmental arrangement. "We wanted them to come because it was in the interests of the White race that they should come, said the Minister

Nationalist speakers tried to suggest that the Indians merely came on a temporary basis. If that were so why had not the Government which brought them to South Africa taken steps to send them away again?

Mr J. G. Sauerman (H.N.P., Bushveld) (the Prime Minister said a minute was on a by that Government)

Mr Hofmeyr said that might be so but the instances of the Indians were often visited on the children.

Pressure from South Africa on an unwilling Government of India brought the Indians to South Africa, added Mr Hofmeyr.

The terms of the original agreement were that the immigrants should come on a three years indenture, after which they could be repatriated or a fourth year at his own additional years if they wished. Thereafter they were free to live and work in Natal for a further five years. After a further five years they had the right to a free return passage to India or an equivalent value of Crown land.

"Clearly the Indian was welcomed as a permanent settler in Natal as I was a main factor to the prosperity of that Colony said the Minister

It was Governmental pressure from South Africa and not that ultimately resulted in the repatriation of indentured Indians in Natal. This ended only in 1911 because of action by the Indian Government.

That being so, the Government of India as it continued to feel some responsibility towards these people and their descendants whom it allowed to come to South Africa Dr. Malan, therefore was unable to imagine the position at all.

"I do not see how we can blame the Government of India for seeking to discharge that responsibility as long as we withheld from local India the opportunity of stating their case in Parliament.

"We cannot blame local Indians for running to Mother India unless we recognise them as South African citizens with the rights of citizens.

"It is not fair to torture them and say they must choose whether they want to be regarded as South Africans or aliens. I am for us to recognise them as South African citizens and give them the right of exercising that citizenship. That is the view we are taking in this Bill

Dr Donges said stated that the 1926 Agreement contemplated the restriction by repatriation of the Indian population of South Africa It certainly did that

Dr Donges had implied that the Agreement regarded the whole of the South African Indian population as purely temporary

In that Agreement the Union Government declared there was a belief and adherence to the principle that it was the duty of every civilised Government to provide ways and means and to

take all possible steps for the upliftment of every section of the permanent population, to the full extent of their capacity and opportunity.

They also accepted the view that in the provision of education and other facilities the considerable number of Indians who remained part of the permanent population should not be debarred from sections of the people.

Those were the obligations the Union Government took upon themselves.

The Prime Minister in his last part of his speech admitted, in effect, that the Union had failed considerably short in its efforts to carry out that uplifting obligations. In effect the Prime Minister pledged South Africa to make a new attempt in that direction.

Why have we failed? I think a very important reason for our failure is that the Indian community has, except in the Cape, been a voteless and unrepresented, and I believe that political representation of the Indian community is an essential condition of the effective implementation of our undertakings in regard to the uplifting of the Indians, which Dr Malan assumed as an onerous burden.

Among the reasons for supporting the Bill the Minister said he was as anxious as any one that the Indians' question should be a domestic question, removed from the sphere of Indian direct interests. This could only be achieved by giving the Indians in the Union full political rights.

The experience of the last seven years had also shown that the success of all political rights in enlightened to the fulfilment of the Union's enlightened obligations.

He now if his Bill conceded political rights he considered it one of the most important Bills that had ever come before Parliament and he was prepared to support it.

The history of the Union's dealings with the Indians in the political field was one of a whittling away of their rights.

Dr Dooms, in his speech, argument that that the Indians brought in Natal were not promised political rights. The reason why no promise was made was that under the Natal Constitution the Indians would get political rights as any cause. Those rights were acknowledged in Natal as on an equal basis with those of the Europeans, but first the Parliamentary franchise and then the municipal franchise had been whittled away.

Now the process was being reversed and the Union was endeavoring to give back rights that had been taken away.

Under the Constitution today Indians were entitled in all in the Natal Provincial Council. To prevent them from doing so now would be to introduce a new colour bar which was unthinkable.

He was not entirely happy about certain aspects of the franchise proposals in the Bill but he did not consider it practicable to go any further at present.

It was customary to blame the Indians, but there was another side. A good deal of blame also attached to the European community and not least to the Durban City Council. He could draw on his experience as Minister of Public Health and Education in support of this statement, but he would quote the remarks of two of his colleagues.

Mr Lawrence, when he was Minister of the Interior, had said that the Durban Indian community had very strong and justifiable claims for improved civic amenities. The present Minister of the Interior had stated that if Durban had shown any sense of responsibility and tried to tackle the housing problem as far as it affected Indians there would have been no Indian problem in Durban today.

The first part of the Bill represented a drastic attempt to deal with the situation. If it led to a vigorous and effective policy of upliftment it might be regarded as justifiable.

He regretted that it had not been possible to found the Bill on consent. The tragedy was that we seemed so near to consent. I refer to the Pretoria Agreement.

The Pretoria Agreement had failed in the first instance because of mass intolerance in Durban which was the least creditable aspect of South African outlook that had been followed by an hysterical outcry in India which had led, in due course, to the displacement of the moderate elements in the councils of the Natal Indian Congress.

Because of these things not only had the Pretoria Agreement failed but the possibility of further negotiations in a spirit of agreement had disappeared.

But for these things something like the present Bill might have been agreed to by negotiations.

In the Pretoria negotiations the Indian representatives were prepared to accept residential separation and to concede something in the ownership of land, which affected only a small property-owning element in the Indian community, in return for the extension of the franchise on the lines of this Bill.

On balance he could not see how these could be regarded objections to this Bill, from the point of view of the Indian than there would have been to a Bill based on the Pretoria Agreement which they were prepared to accept.

If the Indians described this Bill as a "ghastly Bill" then any other legislation based on the agreement would also have been described as a "ghastly Bill."

The Bill did not meet the opposition which had arisen from the Indians because it made possible a policy of uplift

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PRESS COMMENTS

A HISTORIC DEBATE

NOT in many years has Parliament experienced such a remarkable debate as that which concluded on the second reading of the Asiatic Bill after a brisk fighting speech by the Prime Minister in which he placed all the essentials of the matter before the country writes the *Cape Times*. Although there was never any doubt what the decision of the House would be, the debate was remarkable in many ways. It was easily one of the biggest in our parliamentary history and seldom has any discussion produced such an accurate cross-section of European opinion on a subject of primary national importance. Probably every shade of responsible opinion in South Africa found expression. This was due both to the recognition of the importance of the occasion, and to the knowledge that in this legislature Parliament was taking a decision that might become historic, and probably was a really important constitutional precedent which would affect future generations.

On the whole, the debate maintained a commendably high level. From all sides there came at times genuine statements and distortions of historical fact which revealed no ignorance of the history of the subject, as well as assertions derived from sheer casual prejudice and intolerance. Some statements, like that of Dr Dooms, for instance, that the hill really segregated Europeans, were so murky and specious as to be unworthy of the status that they seemed to claim. But on the other hand, such statements were balanced by a considerable number of utterances expressing a high sense of practical idealism. The failure of the bill to give a [illegible] and [illegible] to the Indians was acknowledged, but so was the fact that it embodied the only practical solution [illegible] exceedingly intricate and [illegible] real problem which this [illegible] now is capable of applying [illegible] existing circumstances. [illegible] speakers, like Mr Hofmeyr, frankly and courageously [illegible] their distaste for the bill, regarded it not as a [illegible] maximal settlement but [illegible] beginning of the evolution [illegible] sanctions of what had been [illegible] away from the Indians.

That, however, is a [illegible] that must be left to [illegible] The attitude of a [illegible] towards this matter is [illegible] able, and no measure [illegible] problems of posterity. [illegible] eral Smuts pointed [illegible] young country has [illegible] tion of racial groups [illegible] composition as the [illegible] A attempt to solve [illegible] dogmatic fashion would [illegible] the greatest [illegible] Act according [illegible] conscience. Do these [illegible] follow man and woman through," said Gen [illegible] "When it comes to [illegible] settlements man against [illegible] that the best [illegible] applied. In practice [illegible] one has to ask who [illegible] finish and say what [illegible] theoretically the best [illegible] And that, where all are [illegible] done comprises the [illegible] conscientiously. How [illegible] that bill may fall of [illegible] anybodies the utmost [illegible] given in the circumstances [illegible] in South Africa a [illegible] criticism that may [illegible] against [illegible]

General Smuts, we [illegible] may, unwound the [illegible] was raised by the [illegible] last week when it [illegible] statement that this [illegible] already decided that [illegible] for the future [illegible] separate [illegible] that is virtually [illegible] of racial blocs [illegible]

INDIANS IN SOUTH AFRICA

AFTER prolonged discussion the South African Indian Congress, says a Capetown cable has decided to mobilise all the resources of the community in that country in order to resist the proposed Natal Land Tenure Bill which the Union Government contemplates enacting during the coming session of the Government of Natural Affairs have refused to budge an inch from the intolerable position they have taken up. The Congress requested to General Smuts, through a delegation which waited on him, that before they launched headlong into a course of action for which there is not on less at present inaction but they might call a round table conference of the representatives of the Union Government and of India to consider the whole position of Indians afresh and, by strenuous endeavour to arrive at proposals which will reconcile the needs of the white settlers with the elementary rights of the Indian community. This suggestion was aggressively turned down by General Smuts on grounds which are absolutely untenable. The South African Prime Minister contended that the compromise of the proposed round table conference would militate against the sovereign status of the Dominion. Surely this is not the first time that round table conference has been suggested. South Africa did not lose her independence when, some years ago she did agree to and subsequently participate in a round table conference exactly of the kind now proposed.

General Smuts's defence of the proposed legislation will not stand a moment's scrutiny. He suggested that Indians had little need to be upset by the Bill because it would set aside free areas where Indians might buy and occupy property without bringing upon the community any indignity of segregation. The allocation of areas would be made only by petitions, but by a permanent commission of two Europeans and two Indians with an impartial and technical man as chairman which would form them to time examine the situation in any given area for the setting aside of areas which would meet the needs of Indian and other communities who might wish to buy and reside in those open areas. The argument is naive; to those who do not know the experience of South African politics, it may seem plausible. Then the ease with which General Smuts has sought to coerce the Indian community into accepting in the proposed legislative sea, however, signal boost as if we may draw from that the present bill is but the thin end of a mighty wedge which the whites seek to drive into the position of the Indian community. There would be no end to their trouble. General Smuts and if he knew turned down the proposals and they would suffer. The Premier indicated the kind of trouble he meant. The Europeans at Natal were resilient there were grave disquiet. The Europeans it appears, feared that they would be undermined. They were afraid of economic competition from Indians. What was the poor South African Government do except to face these fears, yield to the threats and enact a Bill of the kind which the whites wanted? If the arguments of General Smuts are valid if in these circumstances Premier has not been moved by threats of using coercion of a very kind available will in South Africa must move the Union Government to reply to the Indian in the form of an ultimatum? But we do not like the example of the white settlers and de-Hanwise and they will not be intimidated. If they will not, many members pointed out, and so General Smuts himself said yesterday, the final responsibility for the country's future towards its Indian citizens, and they will beyond any argument be millstone when the bill is passed. There are many important matters of social improvement—education housing, health and employment, for instance—to be

[illegible] of the Union Government in the Indian Ocean [illegible] unfortunately discharged [illegible] reluctance of [illegible] expect what General Smuts has sought to coerce the Indian community [illegible] speech delivered [illegible] actual study [illegible] not want [illegible] Indians [illegible] Indians [illegible] privileges [illegible] country until [illegible] of the enjoyment of [illegible] Natal [illegible] measure [illegible] to which South Africa [illegible] easy call [illegible] Cape Town Agreement [illegible] the Indians to [illegible] status of life [illegible] freedom is regarded not as an end but as a beginning perhaps the Indians themselves say in time realise that what they have got it ought it is of mere substantial worth than what they have been grasping for

THE "GHETTO" BILL

Under the above caption the *Rhodesian Standard* writes as follows:—

A FRESH crisis from the Indian settlers in South Africa. A Bill which has just been introduced in the Union will impose new restrictions on them and thereby further reduce their status in that British Dominion. In the process of racial segregation on which the whole of South African life is based it is allowed to proceed unchecked, as hitherto a stage will soon be reached when the very existence of the Indian community will be at stake. As it is the Indians have to live under intolerable conditions of colour bar and open discrimination and to whom in the world has European racial arrogance lessed such unbridled scope as in the Union of South Africa. No wonder her national leaders look their spiritual home in Soul Gandhiji form Pandit Nehrul Smuts, the present Prime Minister in an exception to the rule. His personality and party illconceal the elevon hood. He in the great protagonist of the Whiteman's supremacy in Afric based on power and privilege at the cost of the native-born and the coloured immigrants I am Afric.

The law compline dominates the mind of the European in South Africa. They realise that their present superiority it neither justified by numbers nor by moral abilities. Hence they want to perpetuate inequalities by legislation, social prejudice and brute force. Their policy towards the Bantus has been almost wholly successful. By depriving them of education and skilled trades the South African Government has seen to it that they remain in that perpetual subordinate position of the mass of the white lords and masters. In their attitude to the Indians not of the Asiatics, into the subjection have put a similar policy but with less success. The colour bar and other disqualifications coming from racial differences affect them equally but the Indians as a community, thanks to their industry, better education and the universal support that they have been able to receive from their homeland have succeeded in rising superior to the social and political conditions. The epic struggle that they waged under the leadership of Mahatmaji for the establishment of their legal status has also given them a spirit of solidarity which has been of unmistakable political value.

The jealousy of the South African European to the Indians as they have been largely fed on the lies of economic competition from them. This has of course been interpreted as a threat to the Whiteman's civilisation and all sorts of fantastic theories have been produced to prove why Indians should receive Unfriendly treatment socially and politically. In fact the whole trend of anti-Indian legislation in South Africa has been towards making the social conditions so intolerable to the Indians that they come to be driven out economically to the South African wilds.

The latest legislation affect is, indeed another link in the long chain of discriminatory laws to deprive the Indians of their just rights as citizens. The South African communists "The new Hill," says a cable received from the Natal Indian Congress, after a contract as to the whole province of Natal. Calculated already operation of all pieces of the especially in education social services railway and other transport and public places Coloured people do not have the vote in Parliamentary or Municipal elections." But the specific purpose of this Bill "is to bind all Indians into no man 'exempted' areas under repulsive living conditions, and it further prohibits Indians from entering landed property outside such areas.

Those who are familiar with the Leggay Act controversy will recall that a similar legislation was introduced by the South African Government in 1943 with a view to improved restrictions upon trading and occupation of land in the Transvaal until the provision of Natal as well as prohibiting land transactions between Europeans and Asiatics in effect, if this legislation were enforced, it

...have amounted ... special statutory ... organisation ... Natal in ... of the Natal ... Natives who were ... above mentioned ... themselves with the ... there was no ... planning of areas ... and that there ... of legislation on a colossal ... basis. The new legislation would complete the process which was left incomplete in 1943 owing to the exigencies of the war.

In repealing the Indian ... the so-called "exempted" areas ... in those places where a particular race predominantly but not exclusively resides, the South African leaders are obviously aiming to ... of Indian permanent ... tinue ... racy. This is probably an attempt to make the African communal idea ... World ... reckless. In any event the native economic motive and the larger imperial motive have both combined to bring ... Indian ... the present ... Asiatic and an Indian mood of South Africa. The mock heroics of New Delhi have no ... by no means in preventing discriminatory practices against Indians to whose efforts a large part of South Africa owes its present prosperity. The struggle of Indians at home and that of Indians in South Africa are one and the same. The protection of Indians abroad cannot be achieved through an alien administration.

S.A. INDIANS FACE CRISIS

BY MEMBERS OF DELEGATION IN LONDON

WITH characteristic regularity an...gth of time passes by without South African racialism on its status finds some legislative or other based on racial discrimination which deprives its Indian position of the population of some right or other.

The Indians in South Africa are not an...people. They are not foreigners. They did not come thousands upon the country. The year 1860 was one of dark gloom for the Colony of Natal. It faced virtual bankruptcy. Its sugar fields were deserted. Native labour was found to be unstable, unreliable and unsatisfactory. At the special behest of the White settlers Indentured ... came ... from India. After the term of indentured ... all ... were ... to them ... to remain. Grants ... were given to them. No land ... validated. They enjoyed the ... Municipal ... franchise. They helped to ... measures to make Natal the Garden Colony which she today so generally claims ... be. By the sweat of their brow they ... and Natal ... maximum ... Africa ... Where there were ... to improve ... now ... They ... 150,000 Indians in South Africa ... with ... generation. They have ... in South Africa. Just ... their home. They are loyal ... and imposing. They are ... ever ... born ... African Nationals in name only.

Provincial Barriers

South African dualism is a misnomer in the ... They ... many ugly ruts in ... one of the Provinces in which they are born or have a right of entry. They may not enter any other Province for residence or trade. Even their largest ... namely 380,000 ... confined to Natal. Every other section of the population enjoys freedom of movement into any other Province. South Africa is not a country comprised of Federal States. It has a central Government with ... functions. The restriction on the freedom of movement of the Indians from one part of South Africa is another ... anomalous one.

Loss of The Vote

In 1896 the parliamentary Vote was taken away from the Indians. In 1924 the Municipal franchise, previously ... enjoyed the vote on the ... roll in ... where there is a negligible ... Indian ... can only ... there ... is ... of little ... value. The Indian Community today is therefore ... voteless. It is proposed however to give him some Communal representation which by Europeans will ... to them ... representation ... parliament. This is small compensation for the ... that he has ... in the ... and ... in addition ... upon ... The Indian Community is ... entirely opposed ... it.

Cape Town Agreement

In ... the ... Cape Town Agreement ... that ... Indian ... Reserved ... Bill. ... the ... in ... to ... of ... Indians ... property wherever he chose. The measure was opposed by the Indians in South Africa and by the Government of India and its people.

A round Table Conference between the Representatives of the Two Governments took place. A Gentlemen's Agreement" was arrived at. One of the important provisions read —

"The Union Government firmly ... and ... in the principle that it is the duty of every civilised Government to do ... ways and means to take all possible steps for the uplifting of every section of their permanent population to the full extent of their capacity and opportunities and accept the view that to the provision of educational and other facilities and considerable commercial ... will remain part of their permanent population should not be allowed to lag behind any other section of the people." The Class areas Bill was withdrawn.

Pegging Act, 1943

Apart from other enactments aimed against the Indian which followed in consequent years the Class Areas and Reservation Bill made its appearance again in 1943 when again ... opposition by Indians in South Africa and by the people and Government of India the Natal and Transvaal Land and Trading Assets Restriction Bill, Act 28/1943 was passed. Segregatory in nature and design to check the economic progress of the Indian though its provisions apart from Transvaal, applied to the whole of Natal its operation was restricted to the City of Durban. This was the first attempt to curb and take away from the Natal Indian his unrestricted right to ownership and acquisition of property that he had always hitherto enjoyed. To the protestations of the Indian people the Prime Minister gave his assurance that the duration was only up to 31st March, 1946; that he was appointing a Commission to enquire into all aspects of Indian problem and that recommendations of the Commission would form the basis of a solution

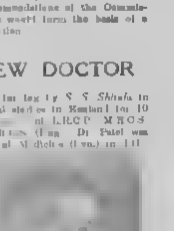
ARRIVAL OF NEW DOCTOR

Dr. Vaishbhai Hevin Ijee Patel ... by S.S. *Shiloh* in South Africa after ... medical studies in England ... 10 years. Dr. Patel took ... Medical ... of L.R.C.P. M.R.C.S. ... and D.O.M.S. ... Hughes ... Dr. Patel was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine (F.R.S.) ... 1941.

Dr. Patel is the nephew of Mr. Manibhai Purshotam Patel and Dr. Bhikhai Hargovind Patel. He will be ... in Durban on 21st inst. and will proceed to Johannesburg to meet his uncle, Mr. Manibhai Purshotam Patel, and other members of his family. We welcome Dr. Patel to this country and wish him every success in his profession.

We hope he will also serve the ... community on the ... of his ... asset. Dr. Patel has not ... but ... his ... ing ... and ... family ... whom he will ... shortly ... plans.

He ... visit ... in ... Bombay ... to meet ... a new ...



Dr. V. G. Patel, F.R.C.S. (Eng.)

CABLE NEWS FROM S.A.I.C. DELEGATION

The members of the South African Indian delegation met members of the Central Assembly in the Assembly Library Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Mrs. Sarojini Naidu Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Dr. Syed Hussain were present by invitation. A number of official and Congress group members also attended the functions. The delegation thanked the mother country for her keen interest in the South African Indian problem. Indians in South Africa had now an hope left that this anti Indian legislation which General Smuts had initiated would not become law but the delegation could be happy if while they were still here the Union Government would change to South Africa was realised as a mark of protest and made the treatment of the South African Indian an international question and be then raised at UNO until redress and justice is granted to the open represented people of South Africa. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad assured the delegation that the Congress would do everything it could to support the cause of Indians in South Africa. It was a matter of prestige for India, he declared. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said that the problem resolved itself into three aspects. Firstly one could look at the question as a local one relating to Indians in South Africa. Secondly viewing it in a large context the question related to the honour of India and lastly in a wider context it was an international issue affecting not only India but numerous other oppressed peoples of the world. He urged the delegation to face the issue in a very wide context and showed 100 per cent racial equality everywhere in the world. Pandit Nehru urged that Indians in South Africa should co operate with the African nationals in every way for he added if you one older yourselves their support and the others will consider them selves your superiors. It was mistake, he concluded that while the National Government came into being in India they would take for more effective measures than the present Government. Mrs. Naidu addressed the delegation to endure all party co ambition such as the one between Hindu Indians and colonial Indians and urged them to remember they were fighting not only their personal issues but India's national issue and the issue of all exploited peoples of the world. Dr Syed Hussain pointed once the question could and should be raised to an international level. It was been Gen. Smuts was shown his proper place Mr Harsh Chandra hoped the promised abolition that all that India could do today was to give moral support but the hope was put about when the united voice of an independent India could be heard never to cease and reason. She would then take steps to get prompt recognition of the claims of not only Indians but also of Asiatics and Africans.

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In the House of Assembly Prof. Shaya (Congress) asked whether it was not in the interests of India to keep UNO constantly in touch with latest developments in the Indian situation in South Africa. Mr. Ramaswami Mudaliar, Leader of the House said he hoped to make a statement early next week on the question of placing the South African Indian question before UNO. An important statement is expected. Delegation met Mr. O. Rajagopalachariar former Prime Minister of Madras, Sir Feroozkhan Noon Sir Mr Jayakar Mrs. Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar Leader in the Assembly and also presented a short statement to Hon. Sir Asaf Ali Hayee Member for Commerce urging prevention of any extension of empty of Indians and enquiry steps to South Africa immediately pointed at notice terminating trade agreement. Delegation also attended a meeting convened by Indian Institute of International Affairs at which Pandit Hir Nehru Singh addressed on overseas Indian matters making special reference to ill treatment of Indians in South Africa. Mr. Govind Jahangir presided and members of the delegation presented their case.

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Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar leader of the Assembly made the following statement to the House in regard to the decision taken by the Government of India to bring the issue arising out of the Indian Bill before UNO began:—The Government of India has watched with great concern the deterioration in the position of Indians in South Africa during the last few years. In particular it has been seriously concerned with the legislative measure now before the South African Parliament restricting Indians the right to enjoy and acquire land. The Government of India has done its best to persuade the South African Government to drop the measure as it is obvious the Indian question at a conference with Indian representatives. The Government of India has also conveyed to that Government with intense feeling aroused in this country which is shared by the Government regarding the injustice of such a measure. The Government regrets to note that in spite of all its efforts the Bill is being pushed through the South African Parliament and is likely to become law. The Government of India has therefore to consider what further steps should now be adopted in addition to those which have already been taken or have been initiated. The consideration has been made that International intervention should now be invited and that the issue should be placed before the United Nations Organisation. In normal circumstances Government would be reluctant to initiate in advance of the actual steps taken the course which Government proposes to adopt in a matter which is the subject of a conflict between Governments. In view of the special circumstances of this case and taking cognisance of the very widespread feeling in the country that some initiation of the Government's part in advance be given as early as possible I wish to state that the Government of India has come to the considerations that in the event of the Bill being passed into law it will take steps to bring this issue before the United Nations Organisation. The fact that there is no difference of opinion between the legislature and the Government of India on this subject will I trust give an efficient and forceful to the bill that every step will be taken which is required by the claim that said is in accordance with the dignity and prestige of this country

GANDHIJI OPPOSED TO DOMINION STATUS

By H. V. BRAILSFORD

MAHATMA GANDHI in an exclusive interview with me at Poona, said he opposed Dominion status for India. He revealed that he was converted from being a great enthusiast for Dominion status to being a seeker after complete independence, by Mr. C. F. Andrews, the Cambridge don who later came to South Africa.

Mahatma Gandhi is pleased by the offer of independence—but he is still not satisfied "The offer has come suddenly," he complained "Will India be pushed into independence There should have been some psychological preparation, but even now it is not too late The ban on Congress should have been lifted with generous gestures.

The British Cabinet mission now in India with wide powers to negotiate the country's independence started its talks.

When last I was in Poona Mahatma Gandhi was a prisoner and I was not invited to meet him. Then the town was gloomy and angry and was involved in a general strike.

To-day it is celebrating a spring carnival in a mood of gaiety Mahatma Gandhi is in his slum, was cheerful but not completely satisfied when I met him.

Mahatma Gandhi warned me that he should be speaking only for himself and not for Congress. Our talk took its start from the Prime Minister's recognition of India's right to choose her form of independence.

This have he believed the Brit ish postal business, he said, But returning to the settlement of the offer of independence he added "I feel to-day like a passenger who has been he met in a basket chair on to a ships deck in a stormy sea and has not yet found his feet.

The title of bitterest loss rises high and I am not good for the soul There should have been generous gestures.

"If everyone thinks is calculated entirely to India's harm my and Britain's but to the history of the world.

Mahatma Gandhi's summing sees clear. The British Government has done the right thing but in its manner of doing it Mahatma Gandhi used he missed the big touch.

When I asked him for concrete illustrations, he chose two "The release of political prisoners has been gradual and in still incomplete." A complete amnesty would have captured the people's imagination.

Mahatma Gandhi went on to speak of the salt tax. It is small item would be a gesture the poorest peasant could understand If would mean even more to him than independence itself

Salt tax in this climate is a necessity of life, like air and water The poor peasant needs it for himself his cattle and his land. This monopoly will go the instant we get independence Then, why not abolish it to day?

I reminded Mahatma Gandhi that many Englishmen find it hard to understand why Indians prefer independence to Dominion status. His answer was startling

"There was a time when I used to swear by Dominion status and actually preferred it to Independence. But that was my attitude during the first world war.

"I even used an expression writing to Lord Chelmsford, Viceroy in those days, that I had often been quoted against me. I then said I want to evoke in the Indian breast the same loyalty to the British Crown that dwells in the breast of the Englishman.

"It was an English footballer who converted me to Independence."

With a laugh, Mahatma Gandhi explained that he was referring to C F Andrews, who had been a notable athlete at Cambridge as well as a devoted friend of Indians all known to South Africa

Mr. Gandhi continued Mr Andrews made no secret about the sacrifices of the King Emperor's title The British King is king also in the Dominions but he is Emperor of India India alone makes an empire

"The Dominions are peopled by your cousins. But we Indians with our different culture and traditions can never belong to the British family

"We simply belong to a world wide family of nations, but first we must cease to be underdogs. So I set myself to win Independence."

India would not need the British Navy and Army if she were truly non-violent "If she could live up to that creed, no power on earth would ever cast an evil eye upon her," he said

(Mr R M Deshmukh and Senator Major R. Brookes

Weddings

The beautiful Hall of the East London Hindu Society was the scene of a picturesque wedding on Thursday March 21 the contracting parties being Mr Maganlal, eldest son of Mr Kalubadhai Dayalee Master of Standerton Transvaal and Shanta Gavree only daughter of the late Mr Bhavabhai Dashiah and Mrs B. Dashiah of East London. Suitable speeches were made.

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Sunday March 17 was a red letter day in Durban the occasion being the marriage of Kumar Lalchand eldest son of Mr and Mrs Dookie Kisnee to Kumaris Jeanne Devi, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Motilal Gopie. Speeches were made by several speakers congratulating the married couple.

Obituary

The untimely death of Bishen many D Naidoo on Sunday night sent a gloom over the Indian community of Johannesburg. He was employed as a teacher in the Gold Street Indian Government School since he passed out at the end of 1942 from the Kazdi Indian and Indian Secondary School and Training College. On Friday last, at the close of the first term he left his home hale and hearty he was 22 years of age As a teacher he was outstanding and won great praise for his work His gentleness and consistency always won recognition He was buried at Brixton Cemetery where there was a large attendance of friends and mourners Floral tributes were sent in abundance. He is survived by a widowed mother three brothers and three sisters to mourn their loss.

Things In General

Third Reading Passed

The Indian Bill passed its third reading in the House of Assembly on Wednesday the 17th April by 76 votes to 50 The bill will go to the Senate on April 23 when it will be introduced by Senator G F Clarkson Minister of Interior After it has been passed by Senate, it will be sent to Governor General in Council Immediately after that Machinery for Indian franchise will be created.

High Commissioner Leaving For India

Mr Ramrao Madhavrao Deshmukh Indian High Commissioner in the Union will shortly be leaving South Africa for India. He was present through out the stages of the Indian Bill, which has now passed its third reading.

The Indian National Association

The following resolution was passed at a mass meeting of the Indian National Association in Cawston held on 3rd April —

"The Indian National Association representing the Indian community residing in the Zeerust district expresses deepest and unreserved thanks to the Government of the Union of South Africa at general Smuts' initiative against Indians settled in the Union and the passing of the anti Indian laws seriously jeopardising the legitimate rights of the community

The Association explores that the history of the Union proves beyond a contrary to all just pretensions of the United Nations crusade of woman Indian soldiers fought so bravely in world wide Nations and establish the rule of justice and equality This society of the Union Government if permitted it will result in honouring the relations between the various members of the Commonwealth of Nations. The Association urges the Union Government to withdraw the anti-Indian laws and to abandon its racial policy immediately.

The Association extends its every sympathy and support in the fight for South African Indian legitimate struggle against the pernicious and discriminatory laws of the Union Government.

The Association urges the Government of India to place the grievances of the Indian settlers in South Africa before the United Nations Organisation and to make every effort to obtain redress and justice for them

Indians Case Before Mission

The leader of the South African Indian delegation to India delivered to Lord Pethick Lawrence the Secretary of State for India and the leader of the British Cabinet Mission to India, a letter on behalf of the Indians in South Africa. The meeting took place in New Delhi

Tamil New Year Celebrated

The Overport and District Tamil and Telugu Protective Association celebrated the Tamil New Year on Saturday with a social function in the S.R.C. Hall Overport. The principal speakers were the Deputy Mayor of Durban, Mr A. L. Barns, and Mrs. G. d. Pather Mr S. M Pillay presided The programme included songs, vocals and dialogues written and composed by children and presented by pupils of the Association a Tamil school and five other Tamil schools New Year messages were rendered from the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr d H Hofmeyr) the Bishop of Natal (the Right Rev D L S Fisher) the High Commissioner for India (Mr R M Deshmukh) and Senator Major R. Brookes

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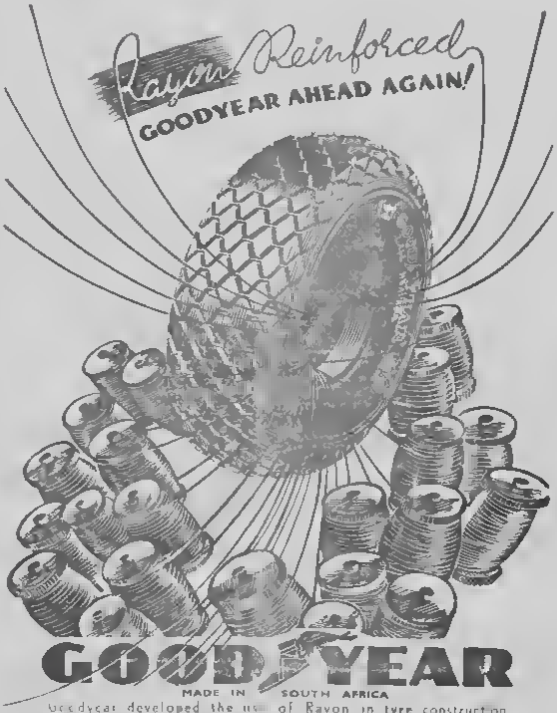
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Death Of Mr. Tribhovandas G. Patel

It is with profound regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Tribhovandas Girdharbhai Patel the Managing Director of Messrs I C Archibald and Company Johannesburg.

He was born at Dharmaj near Petlad, Baroda State and came to South Africa in 1903. By sheer industry and ability he established the firm of I C. Archibald and Co. in 1920 with two friends. Since the inception he was the live wire of the firm which today is one of the biggest concerns in Johannesburg with branches at Durban and Maritzburg.



Late Mr. Tribhovandas G Patel

He was unassuming and amiable in his character for which he was loved by all. His generosity knew no bounds. His many acts of charity were recognised both in South Africa and India. His Highness the Gaekwar of Baroda conferred upon him the title of "DATAR (Donor).

However limited leisure he had during the past he readily and he might have been interest in the welfare of the community. He was the Treasurer of the South African Indian Congress, and the Transvaal Indian Congress for many years. He was a great admirer of Mahatma Gandhi

He died at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday 24th April at the age of 55 years, and was cremated at Johannesburg on the next day. He leaves behind him four sons and a large family to mourn their loss. Representatives from all sections of the Indian community from the Transvaal and Natal including a large number of Europeans attended the funeral which was one of the most impressive.

We extend to the members of his family our heartfelt sympathy and pray to the Almighty to give him Eternal Peace and the members of his family the courage to bear their loss.

S.A. INDIANS FACE CRISIS

BY MEMBERS OF DELEGATION IN LONDON

(Continued from last week)

The Commission met under the Chairmanship of Justice F Brosens K C and issued an interim report. It recommended the restoration of the Franchise to the Indian on the Common Roll subject to certain property and educational qualifications to limit the number. It also recommended a Round Table Conference between the representatives of the Government of South African and India as previously held, as a best means towards the solution the Indian problem

Acting in direct violation of the recommendations of his own Imperial Judicial Commission of which he spoke so eloquently in Parliament when he passed the Pegging Act General Smuts has introduced the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill whose preamble commences as follows:—

"To impose restrictions with regard to the acquisition and occupation of fixed property in the Provinces of Natal " A cursory glance at the provisions will reveal that it is designed to segregate the Indian community socially politically and communally in so far as is that of the Class Areas Bill and Pegging Act. Its design is complete segregation on a more comprehensive basis. It prevents the acquisition and occupation of property by Asiatics except in certain Indian and mixed areas. It prevents apply to the whole of Natal and Transvaal The most vicious are those to which Indians today are consigned. Where amenities are lacking and where through neglect by Civic Authorities under able municipalities which no amenities of them exist can only take place by a long and tedious process, which no Government dare to do without inviting the wrath of the white electorate. The aim of the society has been established areas in which South African Indians have no say whatsoever. The only prospect to ownership and or occupation in the special preserves which is virtually the whole of South Africa is the commencement of a white skin

Germans Italians and others who may not even be born in South Africa, who have contributed nothing to the prosperity or welfare may buy and trade and live wherever they please. Merit, ability, character integrity, standard of living must be sought in the Prime Minister's scheme of of the South African pattern of Justice.

Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr Deputy Prime Minister spoke two weeks ago at the Witwatersrand University as follows:— "The eyes of the world were focussed on South Africa's Herrenvolk Mentality The whole truth he said whether we like it or not is that the dominant mentality is a herrenvolk mentality the essential feature of our race problem is to be found in that fact. The true solution of them problems must be sought in the changing of that mentality Continuing further he stated, It was useless to talk of ourselves as a free people within we were not a Nation in no true sense the stamp of prejudice which we all cowed or pressed dislike of the colour of our fellow South Africans to rise in the way of that law fairly with them and while we let ourselves become victims of the anti-semitic doctrines which were a most important part of the Nazi ideology we fought to destroy

India pleaded for a Round Table Conference for negotiations on a friendly basis in that same solution Smuts' Judicial Commission recommended this. The Cape Provincial Congress evinced it. The Government of South African rejected this proposal to toss. It put up special pleading a specious argument that this friendly discussion would constitute outside interference in a domestic matter. To segregate Indians in public vehicles of transport to them near seats in fact them from shaving to segregate them from Law Courts to special seats, to keep them employment in Government and other services on the grounds of colour does not constitute sufficient humiliation and liability upon the Indian in the case of former persons her policy of suppression she will not be satisfied until the Indians are relegated to locations, compounds, virtual Ghettos. Their economic progress must be checked. They must be made to feel they are an inferior race. The South African Indians will struggle against such an oppressive measure. With all the resources at their command they will resist it. It might mean Passive Resistance on a large scale. The Nations of the World cannot remain indifferent in these circumstances. They cannot bring moral pressure on the two million Europeans in South Africa, they must point out the error of their ways South Africa must not be allowed to sow the seeds of hatred between the Asiatics and European peoples of the World. In this the attitude that India and China deserve for their demands against Fascism India cannot stand out. She must recall her High Commissioner and sever diplomatic relations with South Africa. The armaments of an Ambassador in South Africa is untenable It is incompatible with her honour and humanism with her position as one of the civilised powers of the World

DEATH OF RT. HON. SRINIVASA SASTRI

IN the Rt Hon Srinivasa Sastri a death India has lost an elder statesman of exceptional calibre, an ambassador of goodwill who made his country's name respected in the world's far corners. The late Mr Sastri was born on 22nd September, 1869 on Valangiman Village near Kumbakonam. He was the eldest son of Sankara Narayana Sastri and was educated at the Native High School, Government College, Kumbakonam, where he graduated with distinction in English and Sanskrit. He entered the teaching profession at Mayavaram, Salem and Tiruchinapalli. While he was headmaster at the Hindu High School at Triplicane he took keen interest in politics and closely associated himself with the late Honourable V Krishna Swami Iyer First Indian Executive Councillor, Madras. In 1907 he joined the Servants of India Society and subsequently succeeded Mr Gokhale as president of the society. In 1914 he moved on the Indian Legislative Council and on the Imperial Conference and also attended the Imperial Conference in 1921.

His problem of Indians overseas engaged Mr Sastri's special attention during the Imperial Conference. He clashed for the first time with General Smuts over equal citizenship for Indians abroad. Mr Sastri who was conferred the Freedom of the City of London visited Australia, Canada, New Zealand on India's representative but South Africa refused to accept him. He attended the General Assembly of the League of Nations and also attended the Dominions Conference at Washington where he made a great mark. In 1923 he proceeded to London as leader of the non-official Indian deputation representing Kenya in dispute. He had a hard task in pressing to the Colonial Office Indians case for full citizenship and racial equality. His opponent Lord Delamere exercised great influence in London Society. Mr Sastri felt that the British constitutions in which he had devout faith was being torn in pieces in supreme a law white settlers. He went to South Africa as a member of a special commission to negotiate an agreement with the Union Government in 1926 on the status of Indians settled there. The mission was a success and on Mahatma Gandhi's suggestion Mr. Sastri was appointed as first Agent General. His work in South Africa drew encomiums.

He strove for a college for Indian students were wholeheartedly welcomed. Indian subscriptions totalled £20,000. The institution was named "Sastri College."

Mr Sastri battled against the Rowlatt Act in 1920, he led a Liberal deputation in 1924 he pressed for further constitutional reforms and attended Round Table conferences. When the new Act was introduced Mr Sastri was invited in turn as Interim Governement when Congress refused to form Ministry pending assurances regarding Governor's interference but Mr Sastri declined saying it was highly improper to do so. He often overstepped years touching Mr Sastri was Vice-Chancellor of Annamalai University. He bitterly opposed Jinnah's Pakistan. He was convinced that divisions would destroy India's future as a potent force in world affairs. He suggested international arbitration for Congress claims.

Mahatma Gandhi and Mr Sastri were great friends. Affection between the two was something wonderful though in politics they differed When Gandhiji was first operated on just in 1924 he wanted Mr Sastri in his near him. During the recent Madras visit Gandhiji called on Mr Sastri on hospital there Mr Sastri was a great orator The late Lloyd George called him "Silver Tongued Orator of India" Mahatmaji was deeply and when Mr Sastri death was conveyed Mr said, death has removed not only from us but from the world one of India's best sons. They he loved India passionately as years who knew him could see. When I saw him last in Madras he could talk of nothing but India and her culture few which he lived and died I am sure he had no thought of himself even when he seemed to be on his deathbed His Sastri learning was as great as, if not greater than, his English. I most personal myself, to say more over this that though we differed in politics our hearts were one and I could never think his patriotism was less than that of the fullest patriot. Sastri, the man lives though his body is reduced in ashes.

Sir C P Ramaswami Iyer, Dewan of Travancore, says Death has removed from the sphere of public life one of its most fellow cultured personalities. Sastri's election especially deplorable at this critical juncture in country's fortune when his ripe experience and commonsense knowledge of matters of and international affairs would have been priceless.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu said. Next to Rabindranath Tagore Sastri was the greatest orator, orator and interpreter of Indian culture abroad Death has pulled his golden voice but not his golden words on India.

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru says: India has lost one of her greatest patriots a most striking statesman and a great gentleman. Sastri's death removes from our midst one of the most remarkable figures in public life I had the privilege of knowing him for the last thirty years. Very few commanded the same respect as he in England in political circles. In London sometimes he was held as the highest esteem for his mastery of the English language. also for his most straightforward character and unbending independence. As a patriot he ranked biggest our times As statesman he was far seeing All his weight was cast on the side of peace and harmony

The following statement was issued by the Press by the S.A.I.C Delegation. South African Indian Congress Delegation now in New Delhi as deeply grieved to learn of death of Rt Hon V S S. Sastri This is a personal loss to us and to every Indian in South Africa who held him in most affectionate regard and highest esteem His name is a household word among us. He it was who as the first Agent General of India during 1927/28 and again as member of the Round Table Conference in 1932 brought us close to India and helped bond of love, affection and attachment between us and India It is not generally known that he as architect of Irranian Capetown Agreement of 1927 under which Ugish Clause was made its most of highest ideals which it is now and by the Union Government would have brought South Africa a young country and India an ancient country immense benefit civilisation culture and philosophy together, so that these two countries being geographically situated as near neighbours would play important role of bringing happiness and peace to mankind But this was not to be. It is no secret of this that with death I Sastri and with passing of the Ghetto Bill by the Union Parliament of South Africa the Cape Town Agreement will have become dead as stone as paper Sastri by his matchless eloquence and rare personality brought new life, new hope and new vision among Indians in South Africa. There are two names of India whose names will shine as immortal lights in the Dark Continent of South Africa. White South Africa whose whole philosophy of life is to oppress and suppress Europeans—the one is Mahatma Gandhi and the other is late who, by pen, by tongue, by just wrath ages Sastriji gave to a message which was his last message to the world to practice language. May all India a share of which I was not ashamed in the framing of the Capetown Agreement of 1927. In my sorrow I am glad to be punished by events in making of visits. Returning to the situation in South Africa he said the Indian community is now facing in the last throw with faith behind the will and will be fully justified in seeking loss even his suicide in preference to unconscious surrender Nothing can ease my position better The S.A.I.C Delegation has no wish to enter into details at grief. It sends the deepest sympathy to members of late



The Late Rt. Hon. V S S. Sastri

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OWN PARTY OUTVOTES MADELEY

MR. W. H. MADELEY (Lab., Heaton) moved to the House of Assembly the deletion from the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill of the Clause giving Indians representation in Parliament and in the Natal Provincial Council. After a long debate during the report stage of the Bill, Mr. Madeley's amendment was defeated by 41 votes to 47.

Whatever the consequences might be, Mr. Madeley said, he would press for a division because he believed this provision in the beginning of something which must inevitably undermine European civilisation.

The first reason for his amendment was that the Government was putting the cart before the horse by giving the Indians the franchise instead of first trying to remove the economic conditions of the unfair mass of Indians in South Africa. Only when the Indians were sufficiently educated—and simply up to Standard V or VI—and only when they had proved that they had emerged into the South African nation should the grant of the franchise be considered.

The Indians had not yet shown that they were merged into the South African nation. All their efforts on this Bill proved that they were not associated with the South African nation but still owed spiritual and traditional allegiance to India.

The franchise would not help economic uplift. The economic condition of the Coloured people had been improved not through the franchise but by trade union action. The Natives had their representatives in Parliament but, except by trade union effort in which he had played no small part, they had gained no permanent improvement.

His second reason in opposing the franchise was that the Indians themselves did not want it. Another objection was that the franchise was not being given to the Indians but to a favoured few.

Thirdly, the public of South Africa were not given an opportunity of expressing their views. The matter had never been mentioned at by by-elections.

"I urge even at this late hour that question be referred to a plebiscite of the electorate of South Africa."

Fourthly, he said, the Bill created another racial bloc in Parliament. This bloc was going to concentrate solely on the interests of a race had would build up feelings of opposition towards the European section.

We are surrendering the first position of defence against the intrusion of another culture, outlook and civilisation, with out giving sufficient considerations to what the repercussions of this step will be.

There is a British Mission in India at the present time which is discussing the question of Indian independence. It is well known that Great Britain is desirous of giving the Indian people independence.

"I agree with that because I think it is their right. But it is politically clear, and has never been denied that when she gets her independence India will go out of the British Commonwealth.

"Then you will have this position in a country which, as all admit, will be hostile to the Commonwealth—certainly not friendly—will have a large fraction of its population as one of the bodies of the Commonwealth, namely South Africa. India will be in a position to take part in deciding what sort of a life shall be lived in South Africa," said Mr. Madeley.

Mr. Madeley continued "It is to my mind inevitable that we shall have such a cabinet of another country, politically and economically.

"While these negotiations are taking place do not prejudice the position by giving the franchise. We should see what India is going to do and then in a calm atmosphere decide for or against it."

A report was published in early, said Mr. Madeley that it was suggested in the Indian Central Legislature that the Government of India should ask the British Government to translate Indian law into Indian.

The mover of the motion stated that it would be to the best interests of the Indians and the Native population if one relations with the Indians were needed. He was discussing a motion asking the Indian Government to subject to any restrictions and that in the reorganisation of the Kenya Executive Council Indians should not participate equally with Europeans.

The Indian Legislature adopted the motion, said Mr. Madeley, Government members abstaining from voting.

This disclosed a most serious state of affairs.

The danger looming ahead for South Africa were tremendous.

Mr. H. J. van Den Berg (Lab., Krugersdorp) seconded the motion.

The question was whether an element which would establish a foreign culture in the Union—an element hostile to the white basis of European civilisation—was to be given representatives in Parliament.

Flippant remarks and laughter came from those members who were being lured in vote for the Bill. All those who opposed it knew and felt the reason for their opposition, but those who supported it were not sure what they were doing.

The leanings of the opponents of the Bill could not be made subservient to so called world opinion. Who was qualified to say what that opinion was?

This Bill would prove to us the greatest historical blunder ever made by the Prime Minister (Dr. D. F. Malan) and he supported Mr. Madeley.

Natal was given responsible Government in 1893. Safeguards various attempts were made by the public of Natal to prevent Indians ever becoming part of the permanent population. The new Natal Government's first action was to impose a poll tax of £25 a head on every indentured Indian whose indenture had expired. The idea was to let Indians go back to their own country. That law was not accepted because the Natal Government, at the time, was still under Downing Street. In 1896 the poll tax was reduced to £3.

The Government's second step was to ensure that no new Indians could ever come into the electoral roll.

The uphill clause in the Cape Town Agreement provided that Indians were not in law, behind other persons in educational and like facilities. He did not see how Mr. Hofmeyr could interpret the other facilities as including the franchise.

The Minister of Finance (Mr. Nel) not say the uphill clause but anything to do with the Indians.

Dr. Dougan said the other facilities entrenched were specified in the Agreement. He quoted the views of authorities on both sides (including the then Minister of the Interior, Dr. Malan) to show that both the Union Government and the Government of India recognised that the dominant motive of the 1927 Agreement was to reduce the Indian population of the Union as much as possible and that all other conditions to the agreement were subservient to that.

The leader of the delegation sent by the Government of India to the Union in 1932 said he left the conference with the Union Government hopes that both Governments were agreed that none of any people would make permanently in the Union.

Not only had the prospect of the Indians never been hurt but it had never been contemplated that Indians would be permanently incorporated in the social economic and political life of the Union.

Those were the magnificent reasons why the Indians should not be given the franchise whose were also positive ones.

It was given the franchise to the Indians at present—all hopes of solving the problem along the line of colonisation else where would be prejudiced.

Members had heard a lot about the South African Government's carrying out [illegible] under the 1927 Agreement but they should not forget that that agreement would not have been such a failure if there had been co-operation by the Indian Government.

A colonisation scheme of wholesale repatriation was not only practicable it was an effective and equitable means of solving minority problems. It had been done in the case of the Germans in the South Tyrol. The process of removing large numbers of people was taking place today.

The problem had not been so formally investigated and by the initiation of a Union Government was jeopardising any solution to the scheme.

The Government of India had [illegible] a resolution encouraging the emigration of Indians to Malaya and Burma. Why could not South Africa share in that channel.

Once point on rights were given it would be difficult to remove the Indians. The presence of Indians complicated the solution of the indigenous racial problems.

He respected the opinions of Pandit Nehru, who had stated recently that he did not want Indians to go whom they were not wanted.

South Africa had shown dignity and self respect in with-

answering her criticism from Angola and the Argentine.

If countries accepted this instrument of political rights they would be jeopardising the solution of the Indian problem. They should explore other channels.

In the light of experience of the removal of populations in the last 30 years.

The Minister of Finance (Mr. H. Holmyard) said his task over there Dr. Malan the Minister of the Interior, who negotiated the 1932 Agreement.

His advisers in the Department were also Dr. Malan's advisers, were very doubtful whether anything would come of the matter.

Nevertheless, said the Minister, he took certain steps to prepare the way by appointing the Natal Consultative Committee to the Government of the day, built of whom certain members were of the 1932 Commission and were thus taken part in the Conference.

That Committee reported and then the governmental machinery, namely, gentlemen referred to who were responsible for the policy of the Government decided that the matter there.

The Minister said he wished to make it perfectly clear that the Indian Government could not be accused of a breach of faith in this matter. It was not left to him to decide. The Union Government were fairly responsible.

Dr. Dongo. I included you in that charge.

The Minister: Yes, I accept that.

Mr. Mahomed said that in his Second Reading speech he had mentioned the uplift clause in reply to Dr. Dongo's contention that Indians were not a permanent part of the Union's population.

Answering numerous Opposition interjections, the Minister said the uplift clause told clearly that the considerable number of Indians who would remain part of the permanent population of the Union should not lag behind other sections in education and other matters.

Dr. Dongo. An unusual interjection.

The Minister of Finance. A coincidental one then.

This was clear cut, said Minister, No one could get away from it.

Mr. Holmyard said he was supposed to have based his case for political rights for Indians on provision of the franchise although it have been held out to them. In fact, he was then answering Dr. Dongo's statement that an undertaking by South Africa held out any prospect of provision of the franchise when the Indians came to South Africa.

He (the Minister) had said that no such promise was given because at the Constitution of Natal the Indians received political rights naturally and automatically.

Dr. Dongo. What does the Premier's memory say.

The Minister. Never mind. There is the plain fact spoke. Do not let us have these specious, lawyer-like arguments.

Mr. Holmyard recalled his statement that there was a time when the Indians had political rights in Natal on an equal basis with Europeans. "Is that not a fact?" he asked.

Dr. Dongo. It is not.

The Minister of Finance. It is not a fact? I want some of these creations. The plain fact stands, and the characterisation of Dr. Dongo's speech as that omission as specious also still stands.

(To be continued)

THE INDIAN BILL

The East London *Daily Dispatch* writes as follows :—

WHILE the economic sanctions adopted by the Government of India to bring pressure to bear on South Africa cannot be defended, the last measure that the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill now before Parliament can be approved. By its means all of the provisions of the Bill will be in force until legislation between European and Asiatic has been finally settled. The Bill will be in force until legislation between European and Asiatic has been finally settled. The Bill will be in force until legislation between European and Asiatic has been finally settled.

It is unfortunate that the Bill should be passed at a time when the Indian question is already inflamed and having firmly entrenched themselves with vast possibilities of injection to which would not the Indians have in fact open upon entirely unplanned and because of parliamentary control of all business in impossible it is until such any new [illegible] when [illegible] will not again.

In all these transactions will be prohibited except under permit and no permit will only be granted by the Minister of the Interior on the recommendation of a local Asiatic advisory board of five members of whom only two will be Indians. The definition of land property is to include any mortgage bond for more than 50 per cent. of the value which means that Indians cannot raise money beyond 50 per cent. of a property's value from building societies or from any European. Nor will they be permitted to acquire property by buying shares in a company, for Asiatic companies will not be allowed to acquire fixed property outside an open area without a permit. Moreover if a company owning property unites on open area should become an Asiatic company, the state may step in and resume the property from its possession. The Bill will also control property transactions between Indians and other non-Europeans and the provisions of the Bill apply to Indians of both sexes. It may be argued that the Bill merely prevents Indians from penetrating further into European areas, but as we would like to have seen more meritorious proposals for ensuring to the Indians more room and more amenities than they now possess. The property clauses of the Bill are almost uniformly aggressive and whatever may be to about the conciliatory aspects of the Bill there seems little doubt that as it affects business properties it will give an [illegible] advantages to European owners of [illegible] who would otherwise be their economic competitors.

In Parliament the Indians are to secure representation on the same basis as the Natives. Most Indians will probably remain being represented by a European instead of by one of their own race. There are many Indians eminently qualified to take their places either in and even to add lustre to the Assembly or the Senate. On the other hand, in South African circumstances the step is undoubtedly a forward one and the Indians should gain that the three Natives representatives in the Assembly have despite their numbers as yet by no means a negligible force. Less happy is the fact that the municipal franchise is to be left to negotiation between Provincial Councils and local authorities in Natal and the Transvaal as the Indians are not at this stage numerous enough to press broad political claims they might have been entered for better by gaining direct representation on local and provincial bodies, even at the cost so far the time being of the paid parliamentary franchise.

Weighing up both aspects of the Bill it does seem that while they register some gains, the Indian stand in loss on balance. Certainly the action of the Government of India will not help matters but if the Indians in South Africa are resentful to behave as Union citizens and not appeal to their mother country they may justly retort that in that case they are entitled to most of the ordinary rights of citizenship as they are vested with the Indians in this Bill.

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CABLE NEWS FROM S.A.I.C DELEGATION

Indian that the Government of India has decided to take energetic measures for bringing home to the South African Government the criminal folly of such discriminatory legislation. The committee calls upon all sections of the Indian people to unite in fighting this menace of racial arrogance and assures the Indian residents of South Africa of its wholehearted support for any steps they may decide to take to vindicate their honour and several rights.

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The following criticisms of the half-hearted policy of the Government of India in regard to the South African issue was made by the S.A.I.C. delegation at a Press conference at Lahore. The anti-Indian legislation which was introduced about a month ago had already passed in third reading. It was due to become on Act by the end of the present month. Before leaving the shores of South Africa we urged Gen. smuts to re-assess Round Table Conference between the Governments of India and South Africa. The request was however turned down. We asked the Indian Government to withdraw the High Commissioner in South Africa as a mark of reproach. This we understand is being done but in a most disappointing manner calculated to whittle down the effect of the reproach. Before Mr Deshmukh leaves South Africa he should make it amply clear that it implies a definite rupture of diplomatic relations. The delegation stressed that the Government of India should actively apply trade sanctions against South Africa. A certain time limit was perhaps imposed by international law before this step could be taken. It was further suggested that India should ban all imports of wattle bark gold and coal. Some Indian trade provided a very good substitute for wattle bark. Gold and coal likewise could be bought from other countries. In fact the Government of India should vigilantly watch that South African gold did not even indirectly come from other countries. It was immaterial whether these measures would adversely affect many Indian traders in that country. The matter of differential treatment to the non Europeans by the Union could then be brought before UNO. It was reasoned that the Government of India was withdrawing its High Commissioner but continuing the Secretariat. This was being done on the plea of safeguarding the interests of Indians in South Africa. The South African Indians had agitated for the recall of the High Commissioner since 1936 and now that it was to be done it has been decided to maintain the Secretariat as an apologia. It was hoped that on this crucial question the Government would speak with the voice of the Indian nation and not the Bureaucracy of Great Britain. They were glad that the teeming millions of India and the great Indian national organisations had supported their cause. The delegation extended an invitation to Indian leaders to visit South Africa on this critical juncture. Mahatma Gandhi had already expressed his desire to go if invited by General Smuts. With a free India Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Nehru could have faced General Smuts with his proclamation as an internationalist. The gospel which General Smuts preached was different issue altogether. The only alternative left to South African Indians was to fight once again General Smuts with the only weapon that Mahatmaji had thrust to use, namely Satyagraha.

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The following statement was issued by the Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri on the occasion of the departure of the South African Indian delegation to New Delhi. Their demand is just that experts in South Africa of enemy origin—Austrian—all souls and intellectuals should be completely stopped and further that direct or indirect evasions should not be permitted by these commodities reaching South Africa by devious and secret avenues. Similarly it is necessary for India to stop buying from South African gold coal, diamonds and wattle bark. These commodities are not such that their stoppage should cause much inconvenience to the economy if continued for some time. I learnt in Delhi that the recall of the High Commissioner is also contemplated and in case also this will be done without delay leading to an absolute severance of all vital relations with the Union. Fortunately the Government of India appear to be in complete accord with the demands in this matter and I know that the Hon Dr. S. P. Mookerjee a responsible person who values the honour and self-respect of the country above all sordid gains. He could watch his right application of the same case with a cool eye. The demand that the Government of India should refer this question to the UNO is gathering support in Delhi and I hope that the recent visit of the delegates to Delhi has led to a greater appreciation of the necessity at this step. I was glad to read of the great support which the delegation are receiving in this country indicating that Indian opinion stands solidly behind their demands. I wish them complete success.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

FOR INDIA'S CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE

New Delhi, Tuesday

The belief that the Indian National Congress would accept international arbitration to settle Indian constitutional problems was expressed by Sardar Vallabhai Patel, a member of the Congress Party Working Committee. There could be said, he was no better solution than international arbitration.

"If any solution imposed by the British solution is not acceptable to the Indian parties, there can be no withdrawal of British power. It will have to stay in India to impose its weight—a situation that would not be tenable for any length of time."

There could be no settlement of the communal question until British power was withdrawn. If the minorities were preparing for withdrawal by trying to bring about a settlement between Congress and the Muslim League, it was bound to fail.

The alternative was for the British to hand over power to the elected representatives, either of Congress or the Moslem League. If that is done India would settle the question in no time.

Such a question would not lead to a civil war. There would be "just a little disturbance here and there.

The most urgent task today was the formation of an interim government. That the minorities should do without consulting either party. Once it was done the settlement of the communal issue would come automatically.

Congress trusted the minorities so give India a fair deal. "I suspect most of the major questions will be solved by the middle of May if not by the end of April —Reuter

Things In General

Protection For 'Depressed' Classes

Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar the Labour member of the Government of India, said at Hyderabad that in the future Indian Constitution provision should be made to safeguard the interests of the 50 000,000 'untouchables' in the same way as is done to South Africa for the Bantu.

Dr Ambedkar who claims to be the spokesman of the 'untouchables,' as he himself quotes from that community said 'The position of the scheduled castes is analogous to that of the Bantu in South Africa. He demanded that separate villages should be created where these people could live independently of other communities.

This demand, he said, would become imperative because "of the intolerable conditions under which the scheduled castes are at present living in Provinces like Bombay and Madras.

The demand for these separate scheduled caste villages would also apply to Pakistan if it took concrete shape, said Dr Ambedkar who added 'The demand for separate villages will only be opposed by those accustomed to using the scheduled castes as a cheap source of labour to do all the menial jobs—those who like to perpetuate slavery.

Message From Maulana Azad

In reply to a cable from the Transvaal to the Congress asking for a message to be read at a meeting of Indians in Johannesburg to protest against the passing of the Indian Legislation Marians Act and Kiaan Land, the President of the Indian National Congress, said; "It is difficult to advise from this distance. The suffering will be yours. If you have strength and self-sacrifice you will count as suffering too great. But you are the final judges. Your deputation have strongly favoured passive resistance. India will support any well thought out struggle. Although the support can only be moral. May God guide you.

Tamil New Year At Mayville

The Arya Samaj Hall Mayville was the scene of the Tamil New Year (Viya) celebration of the Mayville Saraswathie Tamil School on Sunday. The hall was packed to capacity.

Tamil New Year Celebration

The Boro Hinde Association Hall in Victoria Street Durban was packed to its capacity when the Young Men's Vedic Society of Durban celebrated the Tamil New Year "Viya" on Saturday, 13th April. Mr T M. Naidoo presided.

Boxing Tournament

A large crowd witnessed very keen and interesting boxing at the City Hall last week in the first South African Non-European Amateur championships. Teams from Transvaal Natal Western province Eastern Province Midlands competed and the spirit of boxing was best at a high level as each opponent of art displayed his talent to the credit of his Province and others. On the whole it was one of the best tournaments ever held in Non-European boxing

The flyweight Jimmy Sweety of Transvaal was outstanding having defeated K Vanam of Natal and W Palmer of Western Province in a close fight.

A exciting bout was between S. Jaffie and M. Tommy to the final of bantamweight division, the former winning on points.

The best fight of the evening was that of the Welterweights W Thompson and Jakamp Hapson in which the issue lay open to the very end. Thompson was lucky to win in all the final Thompson defeated Stephen Mashaba on a technical K.o. in the second round

In the middleweight division A.F Simon who was leading on points until the last round received a severe cut on his eyebrow and the referee stopped the fight awarding same to his opponent. The final saw H. Gordon with his speed and good hitting knock out his opponent Jerry Simmons in the second round.

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ress as the head of the Government of India to secure a revival of the policy that the constitutional limitations of the Government have often served as an excuse for inaction in the past but it is now possible for Lord Hastings, on a similar grave occasion over three decades ago to take a bold stand and make a public declaration... I should be pitiful indeed if Lord Wavell to speak out his mind did not anticipate and earn a response.

In one of the bitterest tragedies... [illegible] ... Kingdom does not give Mr. Attlee's Government a mandate to abandon the principles for which the Indians contested and fought. To [illegible] repealing the Asiatic Act an Act introduced into and subsequently [illegible] the Union Government [illegible] ... [illegible] ... [illegible] ...

LABOUR SPLIT OVER INDIAN FRANCHISE

OWN PARTY OUTVOTES MADELEY

(Continued from last week)

MR [illegible] (Lab., South Rand) said it was necessary to put them off and point out that Labour Party before the House and the country.

The first chapter of the Bill provided for a policy of retrenchment and separation which had been accepted by the Labour Party. In many cases the position of the French had never been below the country generally, and this Bill would not have been below the Labour Party.

At a meeting of members of the Labour Party it was decided by [illegible] vote that we should be entirely free to vote on the Bill according to our own conscience. Some people thought that we should be bound by the decision of the majority, but the Labour Party had always been a party of free men and women, and the whole question of the Bill was one of conscience.

If it were true that the Bill would bring a measure of peace and prosperity to South Africa, then he would have voted for it, but he was convinced that the Bill would not bring peace and prosperity to South Africa. It would not bring peace between the Europeans and the Indians, and it would not bring peace between the Europeans themselves. The Bill would not bring peace and prosperity to South Africa because it was based on the principle of racial discrimination, which was contrary to the principles of the United Nations Charter, which had been ratified by the Union Government.

He hoped the Prime Minister would bring to an amicable and satisfactory conclusion the negotiations which were taking place between the Government of India and the Government of South Africa.

Mr. [illegible] (Lab., Kimberley) said that he was not going to vote for the Bill, but he was not going to vote for the amendment because he did not think that the attitude of Labour on the Bill had been sufficiently explained.

The Bill was not an act of aggression against the Indians in South Africa. It was not an act of aggression against the Indians in South Africa. It was not an act of aggression against the Indians in South Africa. It

INDIAN PETITION

SENATOR R. M. HAGNER (Native Representative) presented a petition to the Senate from the president of the South African Indian Congress, and the two joint secretaries of the organisation, asking for leave to be heard before the bar of the house in the debate on the Indian Bill.

Senator Hagner gave notice that he would move that the petition be granted and the Indian representatives be heard before the close of the debate on the motion for the second reading of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill.

The Minister of the Interior (Senator C. F. Clarkson) moved that the Senate should meet at 11 a.m. on four days a week, instead of 2.30 p.m., and that Government business should be given precedence till the Indian Bill is passed.

The Minister's motion was carried. This means that Senator Hagner's motion cannot be taken before Tuesday next, when the Indian Bill has been passed.

Senator C. A. van Niekerk (N.N.P.) moved the deletion of that part of the Minister's motion giving precedence to Government business during the passage of the Indian Bill. This amendment was defeated by 24 votes to 13, Senators O. R. Richards (Dem.) C. L. Hoghton (Lab.) C. H. Malcomess (Native Rep.) and W. M. M. Campbell (Native Rep.) voting with the Nationalists.

The High Commissioner for India, Mr. R. M. Deshmukh, listened to the proceedings.

Senator Hagner said people were starving and demanding rationing. This matter was a hundred times more important than the Indian Bill. The Senate should be given an opportunity before proceeding to the Indian Bill of discussing the food question. The Indian representatives should also be heard.

Senator van Niekerk said the Minister's object was one "exhaustion debate." He had cut the eight-day objection in the Indians being given a hearing.

Senator Hodgerson said it was never wanted to discuss the food shortage than the Indian Bill.

Senator P. W. L. R. van Niekerk (N.N.P.) said the Senate should at least be given the opportunity to say whether it was prepared to hear the Indians or not.

Senator J. C. D. Du Toit (N.N.P.) said this food motion had been on the order paper for weeks past and should be given precedence.

The Minister of the Interior said he was sorry Senators were becoming excited. He was asking the Senate for a week only before the session he had told the Senate that he intended to proceed with the Bill after the recess.

Senator Hagner: You also told on that the Minister of Agriculture would make a statement on the food situation.

Senator Clarkson said other important matters would come up for discussion in the session and: He was not asking for precedence only for the Indian Bill.

Senator Senate: What about the petition?

The Minister did not reply.

Counsel For Indians To Address Senate

The desire of Senators to afford to the unrepresented Indian community this privilege crystallised this morning when it was generally agreed that the counsel for the Indian Congress should be heard before the prorogued debate on the Bill begins. It is expected that Mr. Douglas Buchanan K.C. who for many years has taken an active interest in Inter-racial affairs will be the spokesman.

It was left by Senators, particularly those appointed to represent the new Europeans, that the interests of justice demanded that the case should be represented before the Senate more especially as the case application has been made to the Lower House.

The petition, signed by the Presidents of South African Indian Congress and four others follows the lines of the petition presented to the House of Assembly. It draws attention however to a statement by Dr. Khare, Minister in charge of the Department of Commonwealth Affairs in India that it will be a natural corollary to the passing of the Bill for the High Commissioner of India to return to India.

It says the hurt and concern of the Indian community is shared by the government and people of India and that mass meeting have been held all over India inscribing the Bill as an insult to the honour and dignity of India and its people.

In the Senate this afternoon on the motion of Sen Clarkson Minister of the Interior it was agreed not to proceed with the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill until the petition presented in the Senate by Senator Hagner urging that the South African Indian Congress be heard before the Bar of Senate had been disposed of. It was expected that the debate on Senator Hagner's motion would take place later the same afternoon.

Senate Agrees To Congress Request

By 25 votes to 10 Nationalists being only opposition Senate on Wednesday afternoon agreed to the South African Indian Congress being heard before the Bar of the Senate before the second reading of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill is proceeded with.

S. A. INDIANS MOURN DEATH OF SASTRIJI

The following resolution was passed at a mass meeting held by the Pretoria Branch of the T. I. Congress:—

This mass meeting of the Indian community at Pretoria held under the auspices of the Transvaal Indian Congress (Pretoria Branch) hereby records its deep sense of sorrow and grief at the death in India of the Rt. Rev. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri one of the noblest of India's sons. His death at this critical juncture in the history of South African Indian writes his help was most needed, is a severe blow to our people in this country. His services in the cause of Mother India's freedom and to the overseas Indians in general and to us in South Africa in particular shall remain a tremendous glory to his everlasting memory. This meeting extends its deepest sympathy towards the bereaved family and to the Servants of India Society in the hour of their grief and prays that his soul may rest in eternal peace.

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The Pretoria Tamil Young Men's Association and the Pretoria Bakya Murthy Sangh deeply deplores the demise of Mother India's illustrious son the Rt. Hon Sastri, whose invaluable services will be deeply appreciated and gratefully remembered in South Africa. May his soul rest in peace.

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The M. K. Gandhi Library was the scene of a solemn gathering held under the auspices of the Young Men's Vedic Society deeply mourns the loss sustained by the Indian nation in the end demise of the Rt. Hon. V. Srinivasa Sastri) India's noblest and illustrious son, and conveys its deepest sympathy to his bereaved family and the Servants of India Society and prays that his soul may rest in peace.

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A memorial meeting for the late Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri was held under the auspices of the Gurgaon and District Tamil and Telugu Protestant Association on Sunday, 28th April at the S.P.G. Hall 105 Mill Street Overport, Durban. Mr. P. S. Aiyar who presided briefly dwelt on the life of Mr. Sastri in English and Tamil and referred to the great loss by him in the Servants of India Society. The speaker exhorted the youth to follow the noble footsteps of Mr. Sastri. Adiyanam J. W. Godfrey stated that he visited Mr. Sastri on 1st February at his sick bed, and requested him for a message for the South African Indian community and Mr. Sastri replied by saying "Train children love one another if they love one quarrel." Mr. R. M. Patel delivered the Mr. Sastri on his national figure of the greatest reputation who left indelible impression on the mind of Mother India.

The following resolution was unanimously passed: "This meeting of the Indian community held under the auspices of the Overport and District Tamil and Telugu Protestive Association hereby records its profound sense of sorrow at the sad demise of the Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri who declined his whole life for the amelioration of his countrymen throughout the world and proved a power of strength in the cause of the Indian community in South Africa. His untiring sacrifices in this country as the first Agent-General for the Government of India will be enshrined in the memory of all Indians. Vedic Indians pay homage by vow to him special great in so far his endeavour in the cause of equation which united to the establishment of Hostel College. This Mass meeting records and extends its heartfelt sympathy to the relatives of the late Hon. Shrinivasa Sastri and with them mourns the irreparable loss caused to this great illustrious Sons.

THANKS

Messrs Hewan Ramjithal Lallbai and Lallbai wish through these columns to thank all those friends and admirers who attended the funeral of their revered father Sjt. Tribhovandas Girdhardas Patel. They also thank all those who paid high tributes to the departed soul and all friends, Europeans Indians and others who sent floral wreaths and messages of sympathy. They also wish to express their gratitude to the Doctor who attended their late father.

Mr Devadas Gandhi On Why To America

MR. DEVADAS GANDHI left New Delhi last week for America via London. He will be in London from 1st to 6th May says Reuter's. He has been asked by the leaders of the N.A.I.C. delegation to approach Sir Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan. A cable message has also been sent to London to contact Mr Devadas and have propaganda in America. Mr Devadas Gandhi is address is New York in as follows —Care Asiatic General Inv. India New York.

Indian Question To Be Referred To UNO

The Commonwealth Relations member of the Government of India Dr N B Khare told Reuter that the Government had taken a formal decision to refer the anti Africa Indian issue to the U.N.O. The process outlined by which the matter would be brought before U.N.O. has being examined.

Dr Khare said that one of the articles of the United Nations charter clearly laid down that there should be no discrimination in any country based on religious race or colour and the various laws in the South Africa country should be treated equally. The same might be brought up under this clause I said.

In Calcutta a suggestion that Mahatma Gandhi or Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru should appear in the case of the South African Indians on behalf of the Government of India before U.N.O was made by Advocate A. Christopher the deputy leader of the South African Indian delegation.

Advocate Christopher said he would like to see Mahatma Gandhi fight to a finish on a world scale the same issue over which he had fought with General Smuts in South Africa.

In political circles in London it is not considered likely that the Indian organisations, who have announced their intention of having the issue concerning the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill, will find much support with the British Commonwealth.

S.A.P.A. correspondent in London learns that the attitude of the British and Dominion delegations in London is that the question of deciding on the rights of Indians or any other citizens in the Union, is a domestic matter concerning only the South African Government.

South African Indians are not sought support from other nations during the annual meeting at U.N.O. in London and the Indian delegates themselves decided at the time not to raise the matter

SAPA-REUTER NEWS

Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar—the leader of the Indian Central Assembly who was one of the outstanding delegates at the U.N.O meeting told S.A.I.A. at the Hague that he had no instructions in the matter but he has since declared that India will lay her disputes with the Union over the Land Tenure Bill before U.N.O.

In commercial & competent circles that this is an entirely domestic matter and that there is neither a situation nor dispute which is terms of the United Nations Charter would justify outside intervention. It is understood that should the Indians solicit support from any of the United Nations such sympathy will not come from within the Commonwealth

Inhuman Indignities Towards Indians

London Friday

A charge that the Government of the Union of South Africa has adopted a "Nazi type" of brown-ish policy towards the Coloured races, was made by the leader of the South African Indian delegation now in London, speaking at a reception given by the India League here last night.

Reports of the policy Indians in South Africa suffer inhuman and intolerable indignities."

The United Nations Organisation discussing human rights, must translate the principle in every human being of every race and colour somewhere like the League of Nations, it will only achieve wisdom dreading humid.

"General Smuts combined on a great statesman has now resorted in a diabolically mean policy of not granting rights to Indians and other Coloured people in his own country

Union Visitor UNO Charter

London, Friday

Moscow radio's international observer M Petan Unin tuned today a commentary in a one hundred of racial discrimination as he alleged was practised in South Africa. He suggested that although South Africa is a member of UNO she does not abide by the spirit of the Charter in this respect. The colour bar continues to exist in South Africa although that State has entered the United Nations Organisation, he said This policy is opposed to the principles of the UNO Charter One of the objects of UNO is to realise international collaborating and to develop respect for the rights of race and sexual liberties for all without discrimination of any sort as to race, sex or creed

The column bar cannot continue in exist if this is really to be carried out in practice. The overwhelming majority of the people of South Africa are by reason of their racial origin without the most elementary rights Native Africans and Indians are not only deprived of democratic liberties, but are also subject to special laws limiting their freedom and property rights South Africa is surprised at this policy of race discrimination not against the Natives alone but also against Indian citizens residing in South Africa. Natives Indians are citizens of a country which is also a member of UNO

Maulana Azad To Retire

New Delhi Saturday

The Congress Party president Dr Maulana Abul Azad whose term of presidency expires this month announced in New Delhi that he would retire in favour of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru as his successor.

Indians In Britain May See Gen Smuts

London Monday

Steps are being taken to send a deputation from Indian organisations in Britain to discuss the position of Indians in South Africa with General Smuts during his stay in England

Mr Surat Alley leader of the Indian mission in Britain announced at a meeting that he has written to the United High Commissioners in London Mr Hasten Nichols suggesting that a deputation of Indian organisations affiliated to the Federation of Indian Associations in Britain should be sent in General Smuts to discuss the position of Indians in the Union and to protest against the Ghetto Bill which menaces the rights of Indians already in the Union.

Plan For Settling Indian Problem

New Delhi May 1st

In British Cabinet Mission New Delhi is understood to have settled a plan for settlement of Indian problems which will be the basis in the progress of talks between the Mission the Congress Party and the Muslim League

Briefly the plan are believed to be—

(1) An Indian union control with defence, foreign affairs customs and communications

(2) The provinces to be grouped into Muslim and non Muslim areas according of other powers save those specified for union

(3) The union Government to consist with the Indian States to run course on the terms on which the States are to enter the union

It is understood that the plan was given by Lord Patrick Lawrence Secretary of State for India, in a letter to the presidents of the Congress Party and the Muslim League inviting each of them to send for representatives to the Conference.

Gandhiji's Friend Dies In London

London Monday

Mr Edward Thompson the scientist and poet friend of Mahatma Gandhi died at his home at Bladlow in Berkshire yesterday aged 60. He had been ill for two years and an abdominal operation in March 1944

Mrs Pandit May Represent S.A. Indians' Case

London Wednesday

Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, Minister for Local Self Government in the United Provinces, and sister of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has been invited by the leader of the S.A. Indian delegation now touring India, to present the case of the South African Indians against the South African Indian legislation before the General Assembly of U.N.O. when it meets in New York in September

Jinnah On Palestine

New Delhi Wednesday

Mr Mohamed Ali Jinnah, President of the Muslim League said today Anglo American Commission's report on Palestine was "grossest betrayal of pecuniary Arabs-Arabs and Muslims would not take it lying down if enormous recommendation were implemented

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Trading Urged

The information that the Prime Minister has given his assurance to United Party members of Parliament in Natal that he will not veto an amendment to the Licensing Ordinances of Natal dealing with Indian trading if in future even the powers of the Natal Provincial Council, was given to a meeting organised by the United Party in Maritzburg addressed by Dr Vernon Shearer M P for Durban Point.

Dr Shearer said that United Party members of Parliament in Natal had been uneasy about the fact that the Indian Bill before Parliament had not restricted Indian trading. They had approached General Smuts, but he had refused to interfere with trading. He had said that trading was a matter for the licensing authorities.

The Natal members had found considerable extension of Indian small traders in European areas. They had written a letter to General Smuts and he had given his assurance that if the Natal Provincial Council extended its Licensing Ordinances to meet this position he would not veto the amendment provided it was ultra vires the powers of the Provincial Council. I think it can be done, said Dr Shearer.

He stressed that for many years legal authorities had made a mistake about the status of Indians in Zululand. It had always been believed and acted upon that the law prohibited Indians from acquiring land in Zululand except with the permission of the Colonial Secretary before Union and the Administrator since. Since Union Research in recent weeks had proved that this was entirely wrong and that there had never been a legal bar to Indians buying land in Zululand. But they were prohibited under the new Bill now before Parliament.

Dr Shearer revealed that on subsequent research in the Natal archives had been carried out to prove this error. Your Worship

Leaves Labour Party

Mr M J van den Berg M P for Krugersdrop gave his reasons for leaving Labour Party when he addressed a meeting at his constituents. I once said I was willing to destroy my little party Parliament for the sake of the people in my country he said. The Labour Party landed itself on the rocks in support of its militants in the name of so called Democracy. If Democracy means fighting for the gratification of the wage in Labour we cannot in a country as diverse as ours and we are millionaires, they are welcome in it. If these are Labour ideals I may be fain all to them. Mr Van den Berg referred to Mr Holmes's actions in Hospital as I said that it was time for both English and Afrikaans speaking people who believed in a White South Africa to unite and fight Mr Hofmeyr. He called on them meeting to join forces at the next general election. The most must be Hofmeyr must be returned For him the Nationalist Party is not political party It is the bulwark of a White South African he added

Black Market Still At Its Height

Mr E Soobramoney Chairman of the Gompert and District Tamil and Telegu Protective Association states that the rice distributed at the various Food Depots in Durban recently was a great boon to the Indians. Scarcity of rice has created much hardship to the Indians. The bread question is also serious. The black marketing in the various commodities is still at its height and the authorities should take up the most serious matter in right earnest in order to eliminate same. Mr Soobramoney states that he interviewed the Food Controller and suggested to him that the cards issued be with leaves and now can be introduced in each area. Mr Soobramoney stated that Indian women have volunteered to act as makers at the Depots by living up and controlling the people The Food Controller has requested the Durban Indian Child Welfare Society to deal with the matter and in quoted Mr Soobramoney to co operate with them

Wedding

The residence of Messrs S Hoosjnah and Bibi Kemal Khan Hoosen, Chaka's Kraal was the scene of a large gathering on Sunday the 21 st April when the second daughter of Mr H Hoosjnah was given away in marriage to Hajiseather Singh the elder son of Mr Hadjeakriyah of Escombe. The wedding was solemnized by Pandit Jairam Misra Rajatsarma of Inanda. Many visitors from various parts of the District were present

Millions Face Death With Starvation In India

Four millions of Indians were in danger in India said Mr Herbert Hoover who is investigating world food supply Hope for President Tumasa in a

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NEW DELHI

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We desire to associate ourselves wholeheartedly with the Statement, attached hereto, of the South African Indian Congress Delegation, and wish to state that the representations made to you therein have our support.

Dated at NEW DELHI this TWELVETH day of MARCH 1946

We have the honour to be
Your Excellency's obedient servants,

AGA KHAN
Leader of Deputation

SARAT CHANDRA BOSE
Leader of the Opposition, Indian Central Legislative Assembly

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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We the undersigned, Sombier Rustomjee Sooba Rama Naidoo, Azimshah Ahmed Mirza and Ahmed Sadeck M Kajee, delegates of the South African Indian Congress, duly appointed at its Seventeenth Session of the Conference held in Capetown from the 8th to 13th February 1946, together with members co-opted, being South African Indians at present in India under authority of the Resolution of the Conference, respectfully beg to submit to you this Statement on the proposed legislation, as announced by Field Marshal Smuts, in Union Parliament on 21st January 1946 when he made known the intention of the Union Government to introduce legislation this session adversely affecting Indians in Natal and the Transvaal.

2 We are deeply grateful to Your Excellency for receiving us at short notice in spite of your multifarious preoccupations.

3 The present intention of the Government of the Union of South Africa will, if carried out degrade us to a status of inferiority against which we have put up a fight more definitely since 1893 the year in which an attempt was made to disfranchise the Indian community as such in Natal. We then looked upon it as a slur not only on the Indians in Natal but also on the Mother Country. Then there was no Union of South Africa. The Cape had practically no Indian question worth the name. Orange Free State had banished the few Indian traders it had and prided itself on its thorough anti Asiatic policy. The Transvaal had a sprinkling of Indian traders, hawkers and others. The "location system later known as segregation, had its rise there. The Whites in Natal had deliberately and for their own sake invited the large number of indentured Indians for their sugar and tea plantations and other industries. In their wake followed the trader and others, and the Indian population today is therefore a composite one.

4 One would have thought that the advent of Union would mean the union of all the races of South Africa, *i.e.* the African (the Bantu), the European and the Asiatics (primarily and principally Indians). What a noble tradition such a union would have been for the world. But it was not to be. On the contrary, the Union became an anti African and Asiatic combine. Every year of the progress of the Union has definitely marked the progress of this combine and the strenuous opposition to it by the Indian settlers and their descendants, as will be clearly seen by reference to the appendix "A" hereto attached.

5 We ask Your Excellency to approach the question from that standpoint and no other. The threatened legislation adumbrated by Field Marshal Smuts which has hastily brought the delegation from South Africa, is a very large step, perhaps the largest yet made in the process of consigning the Asiatics to permanent inferiority. The wedge has now entered into all round inequality and inferiority. Thus, there are zones of segregation one of which the Whites are reserving for themselves in order to force by legal compulsion the segregation of the other races. God has made man "one great human family". The White races of South Africa would make of it three separate parts based on colour.

6 Bad enough as the threatened land legislation is the prospective franchise legislation is worse. It is a mockery of franchise and a poignant reminder of the low status to be accorded to us, so low that we are not to be deemed even fit enough to choose one of our own as our representative.

7 We have come all the way from South Africa not to seek protection of individual or property rights, dear as both are, but we have come definitely to ask Your Excellency and the people of the Mother Country to appreciate the fight for equality of status, which is theirs as much as ours, and to give us as much help as possible for you and them to give. What is attempted to be done in South Africa is a denial of the brave declarations made by the British and even the Field Marshal himself.

8 It has given us much pleasure to learn that the withdrawal of the British power in India in favour of elected Indian representatives is imminent. Then, may we ask whether it is not Your Excellency's double and special duty to enunciate your stand in favour of equality and so far as possible enforce it in no uncertain terms?

9 The announcement of the intention of the Union Government to introduce legislation so alarmed the Indian community that the South African Indian Congress at its Conference aforesaid resolved to send a Deputation to Field Marshal Smuts. This Deputation made representations to him not to proceed with the intended legislation, and to convene a Round Table Conference of the Union Government and the Government of India in fulfilment of the recommendation of the Natal Indian Judicial Commission made in March 1945. This request was refused by him, whereupon the Conference, after deliberating at great length, adopted the following resolution —

CAPETOWN
12th February 1946

"This Conference of the South African Indian Congress after having heard the Report of the Deputation that waited on the Prime Minister, expresses its grievous disappointment at his refusal to abandon the proposed legislation and to convene a Round Table Conference between India and South Africa.

This Conference interprets this refusal as the very negation of the principle of solving human problems by negotiations and mutual dis-

cussions and [illegible] Indian Community and [illegible] sacrificing it to [illegible] country. The legislation [illegible] to be introduced [illegible] an insult to the [illegible]

This Conference [illegible] having regard to the Prime [illegible] all the resources of the Indian people to the utmost [illegible] every measure possible to [illegible] the proposed legislation [illegible]

1. Sending a [illegible]
   (a) To urge the [illegible] Table [illegible] South Africa
   (b) Failing which [illegible]
      i to withdraw [illegible] South Africa
      ii to apply [illegible] sanction [illegible]
   (c) To carry out a campaign of [illegible] the fullest opportunities [illegible]
   (d) To invite Indians in [illegible]
2. Sending deputations to America [illegible] the world.
3. Proceeding immediately to put the [illegible] South Africa for a concerted and prolonged resistance, the details of which this Conference instructs its Executive to prepare for submission and return to its constituent bodies.

10 We would therefore ask Your Excellency to use your influence to secure the holding of a Round Table Conference between the two Governments to settle, in the words of the Natal Indian Judicial Commission "all matters affecting Indians in South Africa". But should your efforts in this connection unhappily fail, then we ask, in terms of our Resolution herein before embodied, to withdraw the office of the High Commissioner for India in the Union of South Africa and to enforce economic and political sanctions. We are not unaware that they may mean very little material loss to South Africa. We know that counter measures will cause us hardship. But our loss we would count as nothing compared to the moral value of the enforcement of the sanctions.

Dated at NEW DELHI this TWELFTH day of MARCH 1946.

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Before 1893 Indians enjoyed in Natal both parliamentary and municipal franchise equally with the Europeans. They are first deprived of the parliamentary franchise in 1893, with the exception of those who were already on the voters' roll. But Indian protest was headed and it (the Franchise Act) was vetoed by London.

Indians were successfully deprived of the parliamentary franchise in 1896 on the ostensible ground that they did not enjoy the privilege in India. They were deprived of the Municipal franchise in 1924 with the result that they ceased to influence Central, Provincial or the Municipal Administrations. Indian residential localities in Durban and elsewhere have consequently been grossly neglected by the local authorities.

Separate schools are maintained for Indians and in a few places separate hospitals for Indians and Africans. No Indians are admitted to the Natal University College.

In Railway trains Indians can generally only occupy special coaches reserved for them with Non Europeans and in Government offices such as the Posts and Telegraph Offices, and Railway Booking Offices, there are separate counters for Non Europeans. This method of discrimination is applied in Courts of Justice also.

Indians are almost completely debarred from employment in Government and Municipal services except in a menial capacity. There are, however Indian teachers in schools exclusively intended for Indians and some are employed Indian Interpreters in some law courts.

One of the few privileges which Indians enjoyed until recently in Natal was the freedom to purchase and occupy landed property in urban and rural areas, but the 'Pegging Act' of 1943 has severely restricted the exercise of this privilege. Field Marshal Smuts has now made an announcement in Parliament that he would introduce new measures affecting Indians in Natal and in the Transvaal.

(a) In Natal the new legislation, which is to replace the 'Pegging Act' lapsing on the 31st day of March 1946, will prohibit the acquisition or occupation of properties by Indians, except in certain specified areas.

(b) Whilst the "Pegging Act" is limited in its operation to Durban only and restricts transactions of fixed property between European and Indian only, the new legislation is to apply to the whole Province of Natal, both in urban and rural areas and totally prohibits all transactions not only between European and Indian but goes further than the present "Pegging Act" by making it unlawful for any such transactions between Indian on the one hand and non-Indian on the other i.e. European, Coloured, Bantu, Chinese, Malay and other non Indian races.

(c) In the Transvaal under the new legislation areas are to be set apart for Indians both for residence and trade in cities, towns, and villages, the effect of which will be to restrict, if not, totally confine trading activities of Indians to the areas assigned to them. Thus being removed some distance away from commercial centres and being out of touch with all other sections of the population with whom they have hitherto been transacting business, the Indian traders will face ruination.

Moreover, in regard to trade the Licensing Laws in the Transvaal operate very harshly against Indians in that the Licensing Boards have absolute power to refuse licenses to Indians without assigning reasons therefor. The same is applicable in the case of transfer of Licences from one person to another.

In Natal as well, administration of Licensing Laws operates harshly against Indians all based upon racial considerations.

(d) Indians in Natal and Transvaal are to be allowed representation in the Union Legislature on a 'racial' basis, similar to that applicable to the Bantus and other natives of South Africa. The Indian community is to be represented *by three European members* elected by them in a House of more than One Hundred and Fifty (150) members.

These proposed measures will, if they become law, constitute a flagrant breach of the Capetown Agreement of 1927 between the Union Government and the Government of India and will be a violation of assurances and pledges given from time to time.

Note :—The Appendix takes note of some of the legal disabilities both in Natal and in the Transvaal and by no means exhausts the catalogue of all disabilities, grievances and hardships. The other disabilities inflicted in the conduct of the Europeans in various walks of life, though galling, have been purposely avoided.

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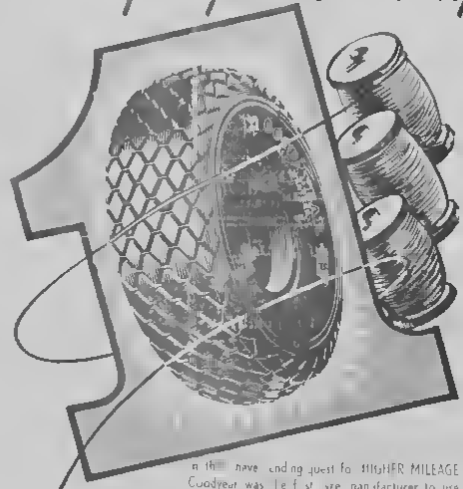
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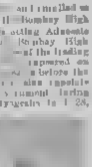
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FRIDAY 10TH MAY 1941

A Premeditated Libel

LATE BHULABHAI JIVANJI DESAI M.A., L.L.B.

[illegible] Bhulabhai Desai [illegible] 10th October 1877 [illegible] the family of Amreli [illegible] community. He took [illegible] University in Bombay [illegible] of Bombay Elphinstone [illegible] He was an M.A. of the [illegible] family. After passing [illegible] M.A. examination with [illegible] took up the post [illegible] Economics and [illegible] at the Ruparel College, [illegible] Afterwards he took [illegible] and enrolled as [illegible] Bombay High [illegible] practising Advocate [illegible] Bombay High [illegible] one of the leading [illegible] impressed on [illegible] to believe the [illegible] a natural feeling [illegible] of sympathy in [illegible] 28,



LATE BHULABHAI J. DESAI

[illegible] belonging to [illegible] party took a prominent part [illegible] League started by [illegible] Amin's tenure organised [illegible] Sabha being one of [illegible] was elected a member [illegible] Bhulabhai Desai [illegible] appointed by Gen[illegible] Bhulabhai also staff [illegible] in unusual started [illegible] his Civil and Congress [illegible] and was arrested under [illegible] Defence Rules [illegible] was subsequently jailed [illegible] after a period of nine [illegible] months. He also [illegible] in health during [illegible] of After his release [illegible] took an active [illegible] Congress and he interested [illegible] course of India at [illegible] his return [illegible] took an active part [illegible] Congress [illegible] Bombay in 1946 and [illegible] General Secretary [illegible] of which post he [illegible] the Congress Party in [illegible] Assembly and [illegible] Leader of [illegible] in the Central [illegible] Assembly. He was [illegible] the Assembly House

Gujarat with an overwhelming majority. In 1938 he took up the question of South African Indians in the Central Legislative Assembly at New Delhi when the Union Government passed an Interim Act against Transvaal Indians. He sent a message to Transvaal Indians promising to render all the necessary help in their fight against the Act. In 1946 when the Union Government passed the Pegging Act he put up very bold fight in the Central Legislative Assembly and compelled the Indian Government to take retaliatory measures against the Union Government.

Together with Nawab Zada Liaqat Ali Khan general secretary of the Moslem League he was responsible for the formula which provided a basis for the proposals of Lord Wavell the Viceroy at Simla conference in June 1945. During the same year on behalf of the Congress he undertook in Ireland the alliance of the Indian National Army Relief and many bill and able defence and as a result the illegal were freed from life sentence owing to his able and convincing arguments the Commander-in-Chief in India commuted the sentence of the I.N.A. officers and they were released. He had taken great pains to find out authorities from external causes to defend them in the given a great reception on his [illegible] at New Delhi and Bombay. After that he broke down in health.

He was a lover of cricket. He was a prominent member of the Indian National Congress Bureau and great lover of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee. He was one of Mahatma Gandhi's chief lieutenants. He took an active part in receiving the British Delegation. He attended the last committee meeting of the executive of the Congress. His house was the resting place of all public workers. He was a generous man and was a great patriot. In dying he has left the country he loved ill. Even from his sick bed he had given credit to the members of the S. A. Indian Delegation. He was an impressive speaker and a very zealous worker. He left this material world and sought salvation on Sunday 29 May. He leaves behind a son who is also an able Advocate and a leading worker in the national cause. We offer our heartfelt sympathy and that of South African Indians in the public and in the Imperial world. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

IS INDIAN LEGISLATION "A STEP FORWARD"?

Mr Michael Manmal writes as follows in the *S A Jewish Times*:

Sir,—The whole weakness of the defence of the Indian Bill by men like Mr Kentridge and Mr Madanjee is their claim that it represents a "step forward" for the Indian people. As a matter of fact it does nothing of the sort. In the first place in South Africa, a law is being passed imposing permanent segregation upon the Indian people of Natal—the big majority of South African Indians. So far as the "Communal Franchise" is concerned it is an empty and insulting gesture. The three European Indian representatives" in the House would be as powerless to prevent future anti-Indian legislation as the three "Native Representatives" have been to protect the interests of their constituents. The Indian people throughout the Union have unanimously protested against the Bill world opinion condemns it and even in South Africa there is not one professed liberal outside the ranks of the United Party to support it.

The reality is by no measures of indifference to the Jewish people.

When thousands of Indians march through the streets of Johannesburg crying Down with the Ghetto Bill it should tell something to the consciences of every Jew. We know what Ghetto means. And we ought to know very well that racial discrimination anywhere is the concern of the Jewish people.

Mr Kentridge says that the Bill is supported by liberals in the United Party and the Labour Party Stranger "liberals" these who help to force upon a minority of South African Indians laws in actual fact and a civilisation as old as any in the world. It is a poor claim to liberalism that it sees itself upon its easier days with the ultra-anti-Indian and semi-fascists of the Nationalist Dominions and Huddelyeh Depositions.

"We are in a changing world" says Mr Kentridge. Yes indeed thing is changing except in South African politicians. The San Francisco charter of U.N.O. condemns racial discrimination. So count every real democrat. If it is almost incredible that nevertheless, the "progressives" of the United and Labour Parties have the scarcity to support this grossly discriminatory and oppressive measure as a step forward and as progress.

A progressive law is it is year 1946 should understand that racial discrimination and injustice abolition and hatred evil practices are not only objectionable when turned against Jews. They are objectionable in principle always. They are disastrous to both the oppressor and oppressed. And they must be opposed and by those as everyone who has a [illegible] and love [illegible] belief future to mankind.

MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY

Touching the death of the Right Hon'ble V. S. Srinivasa Sastri two messages of condolence have been conveyed to his son Mr R. Sankaran by the Hon'ble Dr N. D. Khare Member for Commonwealth Relations, Government of India, and Mr. Beauchamp Deshmukh High Commissioner for India in South Africa.

The message from Dr. N. D. Khare reads:

In the death of the Right Hon'ble V. S. Srinivasa Sastri India has lost a great servant of India and of Indians abroad. He did most valuable work as the first Agent of the Government of India in South Africa. It is an irony of fate that his death has synchronised with the action of the Union Government aimed at the effacement of the results so ably achieved by him.

Mr. Beauchamp Deshmukh says

I have just learnt with most profound regret the sad news of the death of the Right Hon'ble V. S. Srinivasa Sastri. His work as the first Agent of the Government of India lives in the hearts of all Indians here, and even through these recent difficult years the examples of his high purpose and moral dignity has been [illegible] a will circle. The opinion with whom he was brought into contact in South Africa. In the passing India has lost a worthy representative of her culture and her aspirations. To his surviving relations I extend in my own behalf and on behalf of all South African Indians my deepest sympathies.

PETITION PRESENTED TO SENATE

BY SOUTH AFRICAN INDIAN CONGRESS

To the Honourable the President and Members of the Senate of the Union of South Africa in Parliament assembled —

1. The petition of the undersigned African National Congress (Natal Indian) Movement of the Union of South Africa, Transvaal Indian Congress and Cape Indian Congress, and the Cape Indian Franchise Committee, respectfully sheweth —

2. That petitioners have been duly authorised to present this petition to the Senate by the following Indian Congresses, duly constituted bodies of Indians in the Union of South Africa, namely, the Natal Indian Congress, the Transvaal Indian Congress and the Cape Indian Congress, respectively with their Headquarters at Durban, Johannesburg and Cape Town, and the Cape Indian Franchise Committee, respectively.

3. That petitioners have been duly authorised by the said Congresses and Committee to present this petition to the Senate and to appear at the Bar of the Senate by counsel or otherwise in support thereof.

4. That petitioners desire to express their strong opposition to the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill, No. 28 of 1946, which is now before the Senate for consideration, and which Bill is hereinafter referred to as the Bill.

5. That petitioners are of opinion that the Bill is ultra vires the Union Parliament, and that the Bill is therefore void and of no force and effect, inasmuch as the Bill purports to take away certain rights of property and franchise rights of Indians in the Union of South Africa, which rights are entrenched and protected by the provisions of section 137 of the South Africa Act, 1909, and that the Bill purports to take away such rights without the consent of the Provincial Council of Natal, as required by section 152 of the South Africa Act, 1909, and that the Bill purports to take away such rights without the consent of the Governor-General-in-Council, as required by section 35 of the Representation of Natives Act, 1936, and that the Bill purports to take away such rights without the consent of the Governor-General-in-Council, as required by section 7 of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act, 1946

PRESS COMMENTS

S. AFRICA INTRANSIGENT

REACTIONS in South Africa to the Government of India's notice of termination of their trade agreement with the Union Government seem to be strangely confused writes the *Hindustan Times*. The Prime Minister Mr. Barshal Smuts, is still so unbending in his attitude as he is in spite, regardless of the united opposition of the Indian people, has already introduced his anti-Indian Bill in the Union Parliament. Side by side, however, with certain sections amongst those trying to make out that South Africa does not stand to lose much by the application of economic sanctions and that the real sufferers will be South African Indians themselves there are regrets to show that at least commercial circles in South Africa are quite alive to its significance. The Association of Chambers of Commerce in Cape Town, which has not yet had the benefit of our knowledge spoken on the Indian question, has issued a statement expressing its surprise that the Government of India should resort to trade prohibitions of one kind or another at this time. It says "Consumers regrets this breach in British Commonwealth relations. This is an example of unfortunate nature and as such it is particularly to be deplored at the first post war year when we are endeavouring to re-establish a durable system of international law and order." A special cable to a Bombay paper also says that the Government of India's motion has come as a sharp shock to the South African public. To what extent commerce and industry in South Africa will be affected by the break in trade relations or whether the biggest economic sufferers will be the South African Indians themselves or the Union Government and the vested interests behind them are questions which are really beside the point. The leaders of the South African Indian delegation put the position very tersely the other day when he said "It is not because we want to hit South Africa that we are asking for the enforcement of economic sanctions. By enforcing economic sanctions and withdrawing the High Commissioner, we hit the whole struggle from the intergovernmental plane to the international plane. Short of war, economic sanctions are the only best instrument to use. The Indian community in South Africa has already made it clear that if as a result of the counter-measures proposed by the Government of India they have to suffer they are prepared cheerfully to undergo any hardships in vindication of their rights as Indians and in the cause of upholding India's honour. They are also painfully aware that though the Government of India have taken the first step there is still a good deal in be done before the full application of economic sanctions can be secured. If the moment the Government of India have only given the required notice of three months for terminating the trade agreement and even if this agreement is ended South Africa will lose nothing more than the privilege of the "most favoured nation treatment."

The Government of India seems to be still hesitating, for some unexplained reasons, to recall their High Commissioner and given effect to the unanimous public demand in this country. Whatever may be the scope and effect of the measures which the Government of India may finally decide to take, the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce is wrong in describing it as unilateral action and charging India with "interfering with international trade as it thinks when nations have under consideration ways and means of bringing about greater freedom of trade as a pre-requisite to peace and prosperity." Nothing would please India more than to establish most of cordial relations with a country with so large a body of Indian population as South Africa. But it is the Union Government which has been guilty of mixing up unreal illusions militating diametrically Ingredients and trying to create the impression, mainly politically and economically. The charge of unilateral action hardly comes with any grace when as they have, Barshal Smuts has refused even to commence a Round Table Conference. If the Chamber of Commerce have in any respect for international law and order, as they profess, they should bring pressure upon their own Government and their Prime Minister to honour at least their obligations under the U.N.O Charter and cannels to Indians the elementary rights of citizenship which they have been demanding.

INDIA STRIKES

Under the above caption the *Hindu* (Madras) —

At long last, the Government of India have decided to take retaliatory measures against the Government of the Union of South Africa who, in spite of repeated requests on the part of the Government of India to treat Indians settled in that country fairly and in accordance with the undertakings on which they went there have been knocking up stark against the fact that the Union Government has introduced in the Union Parliament the Asiatic Land Tenure Bill. The effect of this Bill is to prohibit Indians from acquiring and occupying lands save in locations earmarked as areas in which they may purchase land. The Indian community in South Africa as a whole carried on ceaseless agitation against this new measure and have done their very best to secure the abandonment of the legislation and secure redress of many grievances. They offered to discuss the whole situation with representatives of the Union Government with a view to finding out a solution agreeable to both the parties. But the Smuts Government, having decided to embark upon measures for which the only justification is that people of their White supporters have threatened to rebel and will leave their support to Pacific mind unless the Government went for the blood of Indians as find it impossible to silence their steps. But India cannot stand by and see to oblige the political stability of General Smuts Government, hence this impasse and the impending struggle.

India knows that the odds are against her. To establish that India follows under serious weaknesses, it is not necessary to enumerate South African politicians and representatives of White interests have done, to analyse trade statistics. Our refusal to place with S Africa our orders for coal drained will be both serious for goods and may hit the White hard. And so fortunately, it is true that if India closes her doors against South Africa and refuses to export jute piecegoods, jute bags and even South African soap yet get them with cooperative cause via Britain. This necessity in fact her impermeable indirectly and not directly stay at sweat. South African extremists stigmatise measures additional export in lure on but she *will not* be seriously inconvenienced she will get all she wants from India nevertheless and she considers the price negligible compared with the moral gain which she imagines White Africa policy will secure to her. The suggestions that the text climax will hit India more than South Africa is, however, certainly not the case. If we export textiles it is not because we suffer from a social but because, for one thing we do not wish to obstruct the natural flow of trade and for another we did not wish to deny certain advantages which we may legitimately and without detriment to our higher interests in we. India has decided to impose economic sanctions not on material considerations of narrow self interest, but because it is morally wrong for her to accord to those who are out to humiliate and rule her own kith and kins those facilities, rights and privileges which only friendly nations deserve.

India is not surprised at the unwholesome of South African Whites. What nonsense comes to her is the attitude of Britain and the British public. Here is a country which, by a system of passes, licences and registration by the imposition of it as least and reservations regarding property and trading and by denying the elementary right of franchise, has the coolest and harshest race affairs in existence and has result—has done anything but to humble a community which would not have been there had not Britain intervened. It is in the most solemn promises of according every right and status of equality with other citizens in the country. Yet now neither the Indian Office on the Dominions side will have a word to say in protest because forsooth—we are told—the Dominions are sovereign states. Granting that such is the case, cannot His Majesty's Government offer to Indian leaders a measure of sympathy by by showing them to India to stand by them in the moment of their distress and to humble the Legislature in respect of South African subjects in India the same kind of the abilities as South Africa has imposed on Indians? An illogical, ill, but distinctive shield which Britain has provided for the English man is available to the South African also in an equal measure and we are left struggling with our hands and feet tied paying the penalty of political servitude. For the time being millions are spend war in the interest of South Germans India has to be content with her experiments at this war that South African treatment of Indians constitutes an affront quite *not* to Indians alone but the White. However it is real complacent over India's puny weakness they miss the writing on the wall—that small deal to the humbling Boer star—if they think that retaliation is not of a war that's they may help the wounds of Indians they cannot do it signs to the point that economy Non-co-operation is the seeds of which they are to be continuing to grow in every attitude of the Indian self

N.I. CONGRESS DEMANDS EXPLANATION

[illegible]th blow-up letter dated April was addressed to Mr A I Kajee by Mr M D Naicker joint secretary of the Natal Indian Congress —

"Sir, — I have your letter [illegible] and in acknowledging receipt [illegible] I am constrained to say that our Executive [illegible] was somewhat [illegible] astonished here [illegible]

You have not studied [illegible] very carefully [illegible] interview with the Prime Minister [illegible] to which [illegible] has been made does [illegible] the actual spirit [illegible] and [illegible] interview [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

South Africa might [illegible] live in peace

It was n[illegible] started pay[illegible] when everything [illegible] failure, he conceived [illegible] the only [illegible] that was Satyagraha. It was then that the foundation of Satyagraha was laid.

Satyagraha was an art of living. In the vast world every creature had to live, work and die. It was a very common phenomenon. [illegible] force could not [illegible] potent force that could [illegible] derived from God [illegible] because they [illegible] all of exercising [illegible] which Satyagraha would [illegible] speed in which he [illegible] not was almost a [illegible] E. Isabelle [illegible] two pole [illegible] this point [illegible] was alleged that [illegible] was untrue and im-

[illegible] in the City [illegible] Elizabeth [illegible] unbending personality [illegible] e a municipal [illegible] in fact had opened [illegible] their votes.

[illegible] were no laws [illegible] Natives [illegible] Natives in [illegible] ation out of [illegible] ity that [illegible] e qualified [illegible]

[illegible] April [illegible] Party [illegible] Left that stands for human rights [illegible] Natives [illegible] will [illegible] keep [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

SAPA-REUTER NEWS

India's Future Discussed

[illegible]

The ultimate objective of India was discussed this morning when leaders of the several Indian political parties met the Right Hon. Pethick-Lawrence, Secretary of State for India, and Mr. Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade.

[illegible]

It is understood that the Cabinet Delegation has suggested to the Indian leaders that they should meet the representatives of the Moslem League and the Congress Party separately, and that the Cabinet Delegation has suggested to the other party that the meeting should be postponed until Thursday.

[illegible]

It was decided after the meeting that the decision was proceeded with in a very satisfactory way in a friendly and frank manner.

It is said to be believed to-day in London that this meeting consists of the first step in a new constitution for India, which envisages the [illegible] country.

It is understood to have been decided to take a [illegible] stand and [illegible] that Constituent Assembly in the meantime [illegible] meet the legislature [illegible] the principal parties [illegible] by the Moslems.

It is finally announced that the [illegible] discussed the political situation [illegible] India.

[illegible] between the Moslem League and the Congress Party [illegible] has begun at [illegible] by

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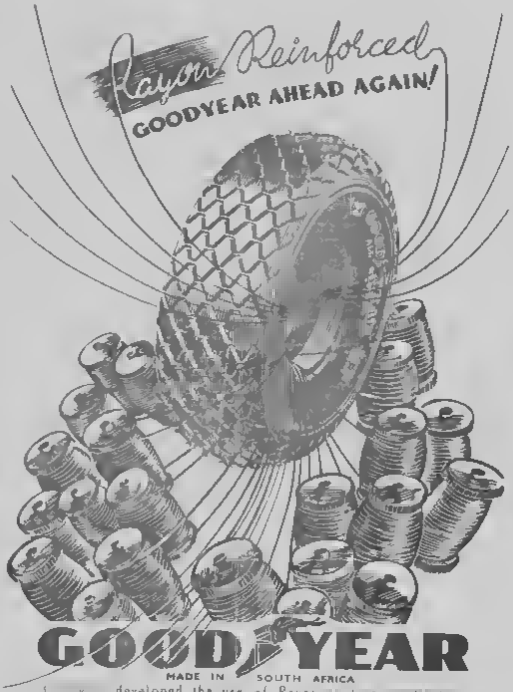
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As a general rule the only people to take ... degraded classes of the Indians was the Natal Local Health Commission which was providing housing and health measures for the large number of Indians living in the areas under its jurisdiction ...

Mr. L. P. Rawle (Dundee) ... But ... Bill ... moved an amendment which required the Administration to publish a consolidated translation of the statutes ... Indian Laws ... by Mr. Askew. On advice ... This was second by Mr. C. L. Bissell (Durban Central).

The Administrator, Mr. D. L. Mitchell, said that the Council was dealing with an extremely serious and difficult problem. ... [illegible] ... that ... was ... [illegible] ... [illegible] ... [illegible]

BREAKDOWN OF INDO-BRITISH TALKS

New Delhi Sat Ivy
The talks in Simla between the British Cabinet Mission to India and leaders of the Congress Party and the Moslem League have broken down.

This was announced in two communiques issued—one by the Viceroy and the other by Mr Attlee—on Monday.

The announcement followed by a full meeting of the Indian leaders with Mr Attlee considering the proposals put forward by the two parties. The difference was stated to be so narrow that no one will be moved by Indian Nationalism and that, therefore the matter should be brought to a conclusion.

The Cabinet Mission desire to emphasise the fact that no blame can be placed on either party for the breakdown, as both sides did their utmost to come to a settlement.

It is proposed in the course of the next few days to publish the correspondence that has passed between the two parties during the Cabinet's stay.

The Cabinet Mission and the Viceroy in a statement said: "The British Cabinet Delegation and His Excellency the Viceroy while greatly regretting that the discussions in Simla have not led to any agreed plan between the leaders of the Congress Party and the Moslem League for proceeding with the working out of a new Indian constitution wish to make it clear that this must not be any way bring to an end the mission with which they are charged by His Majesty's government and the British people.

"The Cabinet Mission and His Excellency the Viceroy will be proceeding to Delhi on Tuesday and it is their intention to issue a statement in the course of a few days expressing their views as to the next steps to be taken.

The conference was ended Maulana Azad, and the president of Congress, left Peremmum in his own car of the Viceroy's Lodge after the Conference had and left Simla this afternoon.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, one of the Congress delegation, said those negotiations will always go on but this Conference is over.

Precautionary measures were taken by the police authorities here to-night because of the excitement caused by the breakdown of the British Cabinet Mission Conference with the Indian leaders. Constables were stationed at many points.

The president of the All India Congress Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and the president of the Moslem League, Mr Mohammad Ali Jinnah, may meet on Monday the members of the Cabinet Mission separately to-morrow Mahatma Gandhi is meeting members of the Mission to-morrow evening.

Attlee To Make Statement

London Monday

The Prime Minister Mr Attlee is expected to make a statement to the House of Commons later this week on the progress of the British Cabinet Mission to India.

It will be illegal to coincide with the Mission's own announcement of the next steps it proposes to take to achieve some sort of settlement.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Bevin who flew to London from the Foreign Ministers meeting in Paris yesterday for a brief visit discussed with Mr Attlee and other Cabinet Ministers yesterday the position in India and Egypt and the Cabinet is expected this morning to endeavour to have discussed the Indian situation in general terms.

Authoritative quarters here in evening the deadlock in Simla are disappointed but not pessimistic the Cabinet Mission if it is stated was well aware before it left Britain as the enormous political difference it had to attempt to reconcile.—Sapa Reuter

SAPA-REUTER NEWS

Viceroy's Executive Council Reshaped

Simla, Thursday

A communique issued here said "Members of the Executive Council including His Excellency the Commander in Chief have placed their respective portfolios at the disposal of His Majesty the King and His Excellency the Viceroy in order to facilitate arrangements which the Cabinet Mission and the Viceroy are seeking to make.

The Viceroy's Executive Council—roughly the equivalent of a Cabinet—was increased during the war to 15 members as an Emergency Measure.

The Commander in Chief in India General Sir Claude Auchinleck is in the Mumbai to Wavell and the other portfolios are held partly by Britons but mainly by Indians.

Under the Government of India Act of 1919, as continued by the Act of 1935, the Governor-General (Field Marshal Lord Wavell, the Viceroy) and his Executive Council are appointed by the Crown

Until 1941 the Executive Council consisted of seven members. The appointment of members of the Council is usually for five years

Lord Wavell, in his Viceregal address to the Indian Central Assembly last January said that the British Government have the determinant is to establish a new Executive Council formed of political leaders and to bring about a constitutional making body of convention as soon as possible.

Referring to the present Executive he said "My much esteemed colleagues have served India well and have had no transient at heart I believe any new government is likely to adopt many of their ideas. They are all, without exception, ready and willing to hand over their responsibilities at the earliest moment to their successors subject to its responsibility to Parliament through the Secretary of State for India the Executive Council is in effect a Cabinet over which the Viceroy presides and constitution which is known as the Government of India

Pandit Nehru Elected President

New Delhi Thursday

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was today elected president of the next session of the Indian National Congress. His election was unopposed.

Mahatma Gandhi's Son Speaks

New York Friday

India probably would gain full independence within a few months, but if the negotiations now taking place at Simla toward that end failed his country would hope for the good offices of the United States said Mr Devadas Gandhi son of Mahatma Gandhi leader of India.

Mr Gandhi said the British Labour Government were genuinely sincere in their avowed intention to grant India her independence this year Chancellor of Mr Attlee the Indian Minister of complete independence neither within or outside the British Empire was the best dominion unequivocal declaration of policy as India

The British or Mr Attlee had turned down a new but regarding India he said The creation of an interim Indian Government free of British domination would not be said were the seat of Indian internal disagreements as the legacy of the past—the conflict between the Mohammedan minority and

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Dr N B Khare ... wealth Relations Office Government of India ... speaking of the ... of Wavell Affairs that ... government de... dispute with South ... UNO was itself ... was

"If that ... thing but for ... establish ... actual fact ...

He added ... Government ... but he hoped ... true but we ... will succeed ...

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Symbol Of Degradation

Simla Saturday

Faridkot—a Sikh State in Punjab ruled by Major Raja Sir Hari Inder Singh, with a population of about 200,000—had become the symbol of "the degradation of whole Indian class States and their subjection to administration" said Jawahar Lal Nehru, leader of the Congress Party, declared last night.

"They will have to be purged completely or wiped out if they cannot behave better" he added. His statement followed the refusal of the State authorities to allow the general Secretary of the States Peoples Conference to enter Faridkot to enquire into the circumstances of many per-

Latest Radio News

Lord Pathick Lawrence, the leader of the British Cabinet delegation to India, announced that Pakistan, the demand of the Muslim League cannot be accepted on account of the defence of India. There will be three major communities in India—Hindus Moslems and Sikhs and other communities will be recognised as minorities. There will be a Union of India which will be divided into three zones—(1) Hindu and Assam (2) Sind Punjab and North West Frontier (3) all other remaining six provinces. The Viceroy will maintain National Interim Government at the Centre. Treaties between the Crown and Indian States will stand as between the new constitution for a United India is passed and a new treaty will be made between Indian States and the Union of India. The members of the constituents making body will be nominated by the Provincial Councils.

[illegible] sons, especially workers of the Praja Mandal (local States Peoples Organisations) of an Hindal Dega being burned and all women students being ill treated resulting in a complete hartal (general strike). The hartal is reported to have been in progress for 15 days.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru this closed yesterday that he had in his capacity of President of the All-India States Peoples Conference demanded a full and impartial enquiry into the recent events and State atrocities in Faridkot. Meanwhile, a report from Lahore says that a group of 50 volunteers from Patiala will go to Faridkot today to offer satyagraha (passive resistance).

Simla, Sunday

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Congress Party leader said here that if he considered it necessary he would visit the Sikh-Punjab State of Faridkot where many arrests and a general strike were recently reported, even though he chief Minister had told him he would not [illegible]

[illegible] Jawaharlal Nehru [illegible] arrival in Delhi [illegible] Faridkot [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

INDIAN BILL IN SENATE

[illegible] Senator [illegible] Bill [illegible] Senate [illegible] Indians [

CABLE NEWS FROM S ...IC DELEGATION

... Mr S R Naidoo presided ... on 7th May and were well ... by the Mayor H Mehra, with whom they had a ... discussion. The delegation had discussions also with several prominent Indian leaders. On 8th May a public meeting presided by the Mayor was held in Council Hall. The Mayor speaking extended a welcome to members of the delegation and assured them of utmost help from the people of Madras in their fight for South Africa. Messrs Christopher and Naidoo explained the long history of suffering and disabilities imposed upon Indians and how the status of Indians gradually deteriorated. The following resolution was passed —

"This meeting of citizens of Madras condemns in strongest terms the Asiatic Land and Indian Representation Bill before the Senate. The whole frame work and design of the Bill apart from relegating South African Indians to serfdom of industrially and imposing racial discrimination of the worst type open them are an insult not only to India but to the whole Asiatic race. Furthermore Gen. Smuts is neither and sponsor of the Bill is deliberately violating UN Charter of which he is proposed to be the chief architect and is applying principles contrary to the UNO Charter. This meeting requests the Government of India to recall the High Commissioner from South Africa and to bring before UNO the South African Indian issue with a view to proving that the South African Government is deliberately forcing open the whole world to a threat to peace.

Later the same evening a largely attended public meeting under the joint auspices of Congress Committee, Kokajam Sabha and Servants of India Society was held in Gokhale Hall. Mr K Kamaraj Nadar president of Congress Committee presided and said the present Bill was an affront to India. All discriminatory laws should be against Indians but the injustice in striking them out of the country. Several speeches were made vigorously supporting demands of South African Indians.

The members of the delegation also attended many other meetings in connection with the death of Rt Hon'ble Dewan Bahadur Ratinal patriot and speake-

Messrs. A. Christopher and S. R. Naidoo were the guests of Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru at Allahabad with whom they discussed the procedure and method in bringing the Indian issue before UNO. Sir Tej Sapru gave them all assistance and also his own the Hon. S. M. Bhore member

... of Central Council. The delegation reached Bombay on 25th April and had a long interview with Jai Prakash Congress leader and thereafter proceeded to Calcutta on 28th April and after having contacted such Congress, Muslim League and Hindu Mahasabha addressed public meetings of citizens of Calcutta on the crisis arising out of the Indian Bill. The delegation received hearty support in Bengal also. Government of India before the issue before UNO on ... of fight in protection of human rights and freedom and against racial discrimination every ... essentially an ... and ... al against South African Indians has united in New York. A resolution strongly condemning all discriminatory and humiliating laws which Indians in the Transvaal and Natal are subjected to by reason of their race and colour was passed the Mayor of Calcutta presiding. Assuring its support to the Indians in South Africa in their appeal ... the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill the meeting called the Government of South Africa to revise their policy in so far as it relates to Indians on equal and honourable basis if they desired to retain good ... with Asiatic ... Dewan. By another resolution the meeting asked the Government of India to take immediate steps for the withdrawal of the ... of the High Commissioner in view of the unprovoked ... and ... against South ... pointing Ghaits Bill had violated principles and purposes of UNO Charter the meeting suggested to the action of the Government of India in bringing South ... own issue before UN ... Mayor in ... during the session emphasized that the issue of South African Indians was ... national and all parties must stand together in fighting the cause.

The delegation arrived in Bombay on 4th May and Messrs Christopher and S R Naidoo left for South Africa by ... mole and Mr Sorabjee will be leaving by air arriving in India end of the month.

Pandit Rishiram gave a ... party in honour of the ... the delegation at their ... New Delhi. Pandit Rishiram ... no conditions and ... Indians ... spoke on the press ... Bill was ... intensely ... principal interest ... asserted that so far as ... in the policy of the South African Government was concerned ... Indians irrespective of ... and ... creed were one and would resist anti-Indian measures sponsored by the South ... Government in trying ... That country ... what ... The Indian ... be ... initially repaid ...

The SA Indian ... delegation flew in ... Bombay ... handed the following press ... for publication:—

The National Council of Civil Liberties embracing nearly eight hundred trade unions and other industrial and co-operative organisations met specially to consider ... Indian ... Ghaggar Laws, in force the members of the delegation on the Indian question in South African Union. He said: The people of India ... its ... sympathies are with ... Indians ... in the ... struggle ... perpetrated by ... South Africa and ... the Indians in Britain feel ... sufferings of Indians ... South Africa ... the ... Charter ... the ... people ... the ... Mr Asher ... Mr Naidoo ... Mr Christopher ... Mr Sorabjee

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[illegible] respectfully submit that paragraphs [illegible] of the Indian Communities Act, 1946 (Act No. 28 of 1946), and the said Cape Town Agreement [illegible]

7. If the Union Government should have failed to achieve the objects of the said Act [illegible] and in exercising powers [illegible] to the said Act [illegible] such powers may [illegible]

8. The Government of the Union of South Africa have intimated to the Government of India [illegible] that the Bill [illegible] is not to become [illegible] affecting [illegible] rights of the two Governments [illegible] and whereas [illegible] recognised that [illegible] Government [illegible] and whereas [illegible] Indians [illegible] and [illegible] South Africa.

9. Your Petitioners submit that the points at issue in this Bill [illegible] and not another Round Table Conference between the Government of India and the Union Government [illegible] Indians in South Africa [illegible] Indians [illegible] Government [illegible] Indians [illegible] South Africa [illegible] that [illegible] interest [illegible] unjustly [illegible] Asiatics [illegible] inequitable [illegible] Indians [illegible].

10. Your Petitioners [illegible] that [illegible] April 1944 an agreement [illegible] known as the Pretoria Agreement was entered into between the Right Honourable the Prime Minister and representatives of the Natal Indian Congress which [illegible] was agreed that the provisions of the said Pegging Act [illegible] contained in Natal Provincial Ordinance [illegible] Pretoria Agreement.

11. Your Petitioners [illegible] that the Government [illegible] intend to proceed with [illegible] unilaterally [illegible] Pretoria Agreement [illegible] the Natal Indian Congress [illegible] Paragraph 1 [illegible] Bill [illegible].

12. In March [illegible] bowing [illegible] Prime Minister [illegible] Point [illegible] Indian [illegible] Government [illegible] Government [illegible] Government [illegible] Indians [illegible] Law [illegible] Asiatics [illegible] Indians [illegible] Bill [illegible] Indians [illegible] Bill [illegible] Indians [illegible] Bill

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The Next Step

THE Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill has now passed through the Senate and awaits the assent of the Governor-General. It is well that this should be so, for the debates in the Assembly and Senate have revealed a sense of responsibility [illegible] have been [illegible] to create the [illegible] of the British Empire. Asiatic Minister Mr W B Madeley the establishment of the township, Tabor Camp, the best [illegible] Tenure. The principles [illegible] the municipalities in [illegible] the municipalities [illegible] Local Boards Act, [illegible] and the Natives [illegible] which the South African Indian Congress [illegible] Natal, although [illegible] the Cape [illegible] Transvaal [illegible] Orange Free State [illegible] the Union [illegible] the Government [illegible] Indian [illegible] Union [illegible] Indian [illegible] Union [illegible] Indian [illegible] Union

INDIA TO DECIDE INDEPENDENCE

SIX-POINT PLAN

A New Union with full powers, and an Interim Government representative of all the principal Indian parties, were proposed by the British Cabinet Mission in a White Paper published in London on May 16.

The plan is the basis of a White Paper which is placed before both Houses of Parliament in London by the Prime Minister Mr Attlee.

In general the plan envisages a Union of India embracing British India and the States as the central organ to deal with foreign affairs, defence, communications and finance. The Province will retain power over all subjects not vested in the Union and will be free to form groups with executive and legislative.

Any Province may by majority vote in its Legislature Assembly call for a new Constituting Assembly after the first general election under the new Constitution has been completed. Provinces will then have the right to contract themselves out of the Union Constitution if they wish. Provinces which do not contract themselves out at the first election may do so at a later date.

The Union Executive and Legislature will be constituted from both British India and States representatives, the proportion existing between the two communities in the Legislature should remain for the first ten years. A majority of representatives present and voting of each of the two major communities—Moslem and the Moslem League—as well as a majority of all members present and vote.

All subjects other than union subjects and all residuary powers should be vested in the Provinces.



LORD PETHICK LAWRENCE
and
MAHATMA GANDHI
discuss plan for India's Independence

Union should retain all subjects and powers other than those needed by the Union.

The Provinces should be free to form groups with executives and legislatures and each group could determine Provincial subjects to be taken in common.

The constitution of the Union and all the groups should contain a provision whereby any Province could by the majority vote of its legislative Assembly call for a reconsideration of the terms of the constitution after an initial period of 10 years and at 10-yearly intervals thereafter.

The Mission says it is not its object to lay out details of the constitution but it sets out principles whereby Indians can themselves frame such a constitution.

The Mission makes this recommendation because it became clear to the negotiations that not until that had been done was there any hope of getting the two major communities—the Hindus and Moslems—to join in setting up constitution making machinery.

The Mission says that the constitution making machinery which it suggests should be brought into being at once. While the most satisfactory method would be an election based on adult franchise an attempt to take such a step now would lead to an unacceptable delay.

The only practicable course is to utilise all elected Provincial Legislative Assemblies as electing bodies. This step, however, difficulties set forth it be cause the numerical strength of the assemblies do not bear the same proportion to the total populations in each Province.

After careful consideration the Mission thinks that the fairest and most practical manner would be briefly, to allot to each Province a total number of seats proportional to its population roughly in the ratio of one to a million as the result substitute by representation by adult suffrage.

Secondly to divide this Provincial allocation of seats between the main communities in each Province in proportion to their populations.

Thirdly to provide that the representatives allocated to each community in the Province should be elected by the members of that community in the Legislative Assembly.

For those purposes, the Mission thinks it sufficient to recognise three main communities in India—General Moslem and Sikh.

The representatives of the six sections shall meet in New Delhi as soon as possible.

The Viceroy will at once request the provincial legislatures to proceed with the election of their representatives, and the States to set up a negotiating committee.

It will be necessary to negotiate a treaty between the Union Constituent Assembly and the United Kingdom to provide

Pakistan Rejected

The Cabinet Mission rejected the Moslem League's claim for Pakistan (separate Moslem State)

The six points contained in the Cabinet Mission's report are:

There should be a union of India embracing both British India and the States, which should deal with foreign affairs, defence and communications and should have the power necessary to raise the finance required for those subjects.

The union should have an executive and legislature constituted from British India and States representatives, they should

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...the transfer of power.
While full consultation in making ... on the Indian ...
... has to be continued ... importance in the ... in settling ... the Indian Government ... support of the ... and parties.
Also ... Viceroy ... Legislature ... not be ... Indian ... which ... to all ... and ... with ... political ... Executive ... would be ... Executive ... with ... Indian ... would give ... balance ... good ... fully to ... the social ... and ... fields.

Enclosed ... to the Mission showed an almost ... desire except by ... leaders of the Moslem League for the unity of India.

The Mission examined the ... Pakistan as claimed by the Moslem League. If there were Pakistan as claimed it would comprise two areas—one in the north east consisting of the Provinces of Punjab and the Sind on the North West Frontier and British Baluchistan and the other in the north east, consisting of Bengal and Assam.

On ... figures, the Muslim ... would be in the north western area the Moslem population would amount to 22,853,294 and the non Moslem population to 13,840,231 so that there would be 17.93 per cent non Moslems.

In the south eastern area the Moslem population would be 26,447,913 and the non Moslem 34,063,345 so there would be 43.39 per cent non-Moslems. The Moslem minorities in the remainder of British India number ... so ... 30,000,000 among a total population of 188,000,000 ...

... Further point ... in which the ... said ... with a ... and ... the ... Indian ... would ... rules ... under the ... Congress ... Moslem ... be handed ... certain ... Union.

We ... in matters ... advise ... that ... that ... Moslems ... be handed ... certain ... Union.

Congress had a scheme under which the Provinces would have full autonomy subject only to a minimum of central subjects ... as defence, foreign affairs and communications which would be controlled elsewhere. The Mission, however, thought that such a scheme, though it ... an attempt to meet Moslem apprehensions that their culture and political and social life might be too dominated by the Hindus had disadvantages. It would be difficult to work a central executive on this basis.

It ... clear that with the attainment of independence by British India ... whether wards or outside the British Commonwealth the relationship between states of Sinkiang and the British Crown which ... assets, will no longer be possible.

"That has been recognised by the States who assured the Mission that they are ready and willing ... co-operate with the people of India. The precise form of their co-operation will be ... during the building ... new constitution.

The Viceroy ... Prime Ministers ... to meet ... however ... that which have been ... the Moslem ... would ... all ... Moslem ... Moslem ... Leaders ... Viceroy ... important ... the ... Moslem ... Leaders ... Viceroy ... Mission ... Moslem ... Leaders ... Viceroy ... Mission ... Moslem ... Leaders ... Viceroy ... Mission

TOWARDS INDIA'S FREEDOM

Be Ready For Freedom

Simla, Monday

Mahatma Gandhi at a prayer meeting here tonight before leaving for New Delhi tomorrow called on the people of India to be ready for freedom in an address read for him—it was his day of silence—he said "There is an need for depression The Cabinet Mission have declared their intention to remove British rule from India. I believe it must and will go. According to United Press, Mahatma Gandhi said there can no need to worry about the breakdown in the negotiations. He warned Indians against believing that the British Mission had done nothing to help the situation.

Will Keep Informed

London Monday

The Prime Minister Mr Attlee, promised the House of Commons that he would keep it informed of any fresh develop ments arising out of the visit of the British Mission to India. Replying to questions he said that he had nothing further to add at present to the communique by the Viceroy and the Mission had no further information had been sent to the Mission Mr Attlee added that the deputations were being fully informed on the subject.

Interim Govt. Before Mission Leaves India

Simla, Tuesday

The Interim Government will be announced before the British Cabinet Mission leaves India for England it was learned here today

Precautionary Step

Simla, Friday

Armed police were posted at all strategic points here yesterday as a precautionary measure while the constitutional plans for India were being as folded to the apparent country in New Delhi by the British Cabinet Mission. The police also patrolled shopping areas and bazaars.

Constitution Of Interim Government

New Delhi Friday

The interim government is to be constituted by the Viceroy Lord Wavell during the next few days, is expected to consist of 15 members of whom five will be Moslem five caste Hindus, one Parsee, one Indo-Christian one Sikh and two Depressed Class Hindus. It is believed that if the Moslem League agrees to join in, the possible four of the five Moslem seats will go to the Moslem League with also the remaining one to a non-League Moslem. If, however, the Moslem League stay out, then the choice may fall upon Moslems with influence over the section of the Moslems outside Congress and, perhaps, with pro-League sympathies.

Opposition Of Sikhs

Amritsar Saturday

The Shiromani Akali Dal (the premier organisation of the Sikh community) today passed a resolution that the British Cabinet Mission's statement was wholly nonsatisfactory and extremely detrimental to the Sikh interest as it placed the Sikh under virtual Pakistan The organisation called upon the Sikhs to stem their ranks and create a united front to offer effective resistance against the imposition of Pakistan over them as envisaged in the Cabinet Mission's statement. May 20 is to be observed as a day of protest meetings.

Dufavour Proposals

Calcutta, Saturday

There were Moslem demonstrations against the British Cabinet Mission's proposal for India in Chittagaon (Eastern Bengal) according to reports received here. Several shops and restaurants were raided and arsonns started

Gandhiji Lawrence Talk

New Delhi Sunday

Mahatma Gandhi has another two-hours talk with Lord Pathick Lawrence Secretary of State for India and leader of the Cabinet Mission and Sir Stafford Cripps. It is believed that an eagle clarification of some points in the British proposals especially in regard to the grouping of provinces raised by the Congress party. The compo, transition and structure of the proposed interim arrangement were also discussed.

Congress Final Answer Still Undecided

New Delhi Sunday

The Congress party's final answer to the British Cabinet Mission's proposals for India's future is still undecided. The working committee of the party had a four-hour meeting today and then adjourned until tomorrow Mahatma Gandhi reported to the meeting on his two-hour talk earlier today with Lord Pathick Lawrence Secretary of State for India and head of the British Mission and Sir Stafford Cripps President of the Board of Trade. Gandhiji's talk is believed to have dealt with the compo lications and structure of the proposed interim government Congress quarters indicate that more meetings between Gandhiji and the British Mission may be necessary before the working committee will be able to pass a resolution on the proposals. It is believed doubts are felt by members of the committee on the grouping of the provinces and that clarification is being sought by Mahatma Gandhi on this point. No word on the proposals has yet come from Moslem League quarters. Mr Jinnah the Moslem League president is still in Simla.

Today's issue of *Dawn*, a Moslem League organ said if after careful study it is found that the plan is a trap from which there is no exit towards Pakistan it will have to be completely rejected Those who think that because of the present Labour Government's newly agreed to concede Pakistan the Moslem national struggle for freedom will end, or even lose momentum, are victims of a foolish hope The Moslem nation its leaders want of communal and peace by blandishment hangs on that word.'

Congress Working Committee

New Delhi Monday

The Congress Party Working Committee adjourned until tomorrow after a two-hours meeting today to discuss the proposals of the British Cabinet Mission for a settlement of India's constitutional problems. It is understood that the committee were unable to reach a final decision pending the clarification of certain points about which Mahatma Gandhi had asked for information at his two interviews with Lord Pathick Lawrence, the Secretary of State for India and Sir Stafford Cripps the President of the Board of Trade. The Committee is now sitting again today because it to Mahatma Gandhi's absence day The British Cabinet Mission is attempting to speed-up the reply from the Moslem League to a settlement of the proposals it was understood in informed quarters today

Speaks Assurance

New Delhi Monday

The Congress Working Committee today gathered Maulana Abul Kalam Azad the Congress President in talk Lord Pathick Lawrence for a clarification of a number of points in the British Cabinet Mission's proposals. The Congress Party is seeking an assurance that the constituent assembly will be a sovereign body and that a limitation to that effect will be made

Troops To Be Withdrawn

New Delhi, Friday

British troops would be withdrawn from India immediately if the panel trips from [illegible] in the event of a complete failure to agree on the British Commonwealth Lord Pathick Lawrence Secretary for India and leader of the Cabinet Mission told a press conference. They would withdraw unless some arrangement was made and that would be entirely in the hands of leaders, he added. The second assumption was that Britain's troops would not but they would of course remain until the constitution was made The provinces would have the right to make a variation of the constitution at the end of 10 years Referring to the King's title of Emperor of India, he said speaking without consideration there will have to be a debate in parliament and some definite steps will have to be taken with the approval of the king The Labour Government had considerable working majority in the House of Commons and he did not imagine there would be serious difficulties

United States Impressed

Washington, Saturday

The United States Government had been favourably impressed by Britain's plan for the Indian states in India, the Acting Secretary of State Mr Acheson, said a press conference today Both the long range plan and the one-point proposal for immediate establishment of an all-Indian executive council, are constructive and statesmanlike steps towards the solution of one of the world's most complex political problems he said.

Jinnah Insistent On Pakistan

Mr Jinnah president of the Moslem League in a 5000 word critical analysis of the British Cabinet Mission's proposals on Wednesday in Simla expressed regret that it had turned down the Moslem demand for a complete sovereign State (Pakistan) which will until held no run only solution for the Indian communal problem.

Formation Of Interim Government

The Viceroy has invited Maulana Abul Azad president of the Congress and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru the president elect, to meet him in New Delhi on Thursday morning to the forma tion of an Interim Government. —Sana Reuter

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WAVELL SPEAKS TO PEOPLE OF INDIA

New Delhi Friday.

I speak in the people of India at a most critical hour of India's history, said the Viceroy Field Marshal Lord Wavell in a broadcast to the people of India on the proposals for the 15 member interim Indian government referred to in the British Cabinet Mission's statement. Lord Wavell described the measures he had taken as a blueprint for freedom.

I can assure you that very much hard work and study have gone into making the recent conclusions I wished very much that the Indian leaders had reached agreement themselves. The proposals are obviously not those that anyone of the parties would have chosen themselves. India is offered the prospect of peace—peace, I hope, for all time and the opportunity of complete independence.

Lord Wavell said the immediate danger of famine must be combated. It is my earnest desire that in the interim period the government of India should be the hands of its Indian leaders. There can be the substitute of the new India. With good will an even apparently ill-sized arrangement can be made to work. It is the most enormous experiment in the history of the world. It requires greatness of mind which will not be found wanting in India or it has not been found wanting in Britain.

In the complex situation that faces us there are four main parties—the British, the two main parties in British India the Muslims and the Moslems and the Indian States.

From all of them every one will make changes of their present outlook will be required and a contribution to the general good if this great experiment is to succeed.

"Lastly I must emphasize the determination of the minister below you it is a mistake between peaceful conversions and disorder of civil strife. I am sure that you will not hesitate in your choice in which

Commander In Chief's Broadcast

New Delhi Friday

General Sir Claude Auchinleck the Commander-in-Chief in India here tonight in a broadcast from New Delhi tonight told Indian armed forces that one he no doubt that today there is danger of strife so I like her to the army I shall continue to be impartial in the command and welfare of the army and all forces, but if political matters will be in the hands of a new we member under whom I shall serve I am to commanders to Britain serve under civilian ministers. While discussions and meetings are going on to decide how India will be governed in future it is the duty of the navy, army and air force to continue to serve the government and carry out its orders" The Hindu of the Muslim the Sikh and the Christian had all learned to live together in the service of their country he said. In this you have set an example to all India. I trust in that always cause the yes

COMMENTS ON PLAN

New Delhi Friday

The Viceroy Lord Wavell, will meeting in a broadcast to the Indian people this afternoon on proposals for the 15-member interim Indian government referred to in the British Cabinet Mission's statement, also in a new Indian constitution.

The ruling Congress president the Hons Azad Kalam Azad said today he would place the proposals before the Congress working committee this afternoon and with their suggested lines a statement tonight.

The president of the Moslem League, Mr Jinnah however said he had no comment to make on the Cabinet Mission's report but he is expected to make a statement later today.

A subdued note of appreciation and qualified welcome which has been recorded the proposals in the Congress press is unmixed by a generally hostile comment in the Moslem League papers.

Sir O P Ramaswami Aiyar, the spokesman for the Indian Princes said that the procedure of the formation of an interim government and for the setting up of a constituent assembly was on the right lines and will be generally welcomed.

Dawn the organ of the Moslem League, described the plan as having all the weaknesses of an imposed decision given by an outside. The plan was more concerned with glossing both sides than watching things up to the basis of a modern Indian Union and is an additional aid during Moslems to avoid the established pay wages

The Congress newspaper the *Hindustan Times* declares that the Cabinet delegation was in a sincere attempt to help in can will go a long way in solving the problems of India and that if they always done it in the end in peace So long as I am here, you may rely on me to safeguard your interests General Auchinleck concluded.

United Press reports that Moslem League internal circles believed that Mahatma Gandhi would advise the party a working committee to accept the British proposals for an interim government and a united status of India on a trial basis. They thought however that Mr Jinnah would remain aloof from the interim government but would permit members of the Moslem League to join.

—Capa Reuter

will be a solving the problems of India. That knowledge will be a comfort to all those who have been working for the welfare of India.

The Lucknow *National Herald* a nationalist paper with which Pandit Nehru the president designate of Congress is closely associated said the new plan is not without defects but it deserves close study before a final decision is reached.

The nationalist morning *Standard* says while the will demands of the three parties have been rejected the measure of the unfamiliar demand has not been conceded to. The real point is one I in the Indian should both with enough status of equality with all other independent nations

Under the heading Throw It Out" the nitre nationalist *Free Press Journal* of Bombay says the scheme shows neither political wisdom nor constitutional stability

The liberal leader and former deputy Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council Sir Hormasji Mody said any failure on our part to take over and achieve freedom in our country would be a crime.

Mr Denis de Gandhi the Journalist son of Mahatma Gandhi when he was went in search of newsprint said in Ottawa that if the proposals meant complete independence he could foresee a relationship between India and the members of the Commonwealth similar to that between Canada and Great Britain.

Constitution For Ceylon

London Friday

A new constitution in Ceylon was announced in the House of Commons today by the Colonial Secretary Mr Hall It is the nearest approach that any British Crown Colony has yet come to ward dominion status. The present Ceylon State Council will be

[illegible] by a parliament con

sisting of the king, represented by a governor and two chambers, a senate and a house of representatives. Parliament will have full power to make laws for peace and order and the good government of the islands, but it may not make laws which discriminate against any community or religion or interfere with freedom of worship or with the constitution of religious bodies without their concurrence. There will be a cabinet of ministers (one of whom will be the Prime Minister) who will be charged with the general direction and control of the government of the Island and will be collectively responsible to the Ceylon parliament. The Governor will be required to reserve for His Majesty's the King's assent a few classes of bills only. These include bills relating to defence and external affairs and bills which, in the Governor's opinion, have evoked eminent opposition by any religious or racial community and are likely to involve oppression or serious injustice to any such community

Control of franchise and immigration are excluded from the classes of bills to be reserved. The British Government retains the power legislate by order-in-council for the peace and internal affairs and to amend or revoke the constitution This constitution was accepted by the present State Council of Ceylon by 51 votes to three. It differs only in small respects from the minutes Ceylon will not have the right to secede from the Empire. Mr Hall said that British Government hoped that the people of Ceylon would accept the responsibility in a comparatively short time dominion status would be attained

Ceylon Indians Oppose Constitution

Colombo Sunday

Indians throughout Ceylon will observe a one day hartal tomorrow morning it was decided on Friday as a protest against the proclamation of the new constitution The Indian Congress Ceylon Government organ that 400 Indian labourers are on strike in Uva Indians will leave the island. About 87 thousand Indians have been repatriated from Ceylon since the 1939 The working committee of the Ceylon Indian Congress after a long meeting decided to follow up this token hartal with a general stoppage of work from June 12th if their grievances are not redressed by then Describing the constitution as devoid of the very essence of self government the Congress intended having to the said Order in minus legislature Council many members of the Ceylon Congress will that in fact Ceylon had been granted a right in nearly 1,000,000 Indians in the island.

CHURCHILL CHURNS

MR CHURCHILL, Leader of the Opposition describing the British Cabinet Mission's White Paper as an "able but melancholy document," said in the House of Commons: "I have heard of nothing for a long time which so deeply deserved the attention of Parliament and the British nation.

"I am bound to make clear without delay what is the position of the official Opposition."

High Commissioner Leaving For India

The High Commissioner for India Mr Ramrao Madhavrao Deshmukh is leaving for India on his Government has resolved him for consultation in view of



Mr R M Deshmukh

the present stage of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill. He arrived from Capetown after seeing the Acting Prime Minister on Wednesday the 22nd inst. In Durban he visited the site a pilgrim place for Indians, where Mahatma Gandhi resided while he was in South Africa. It was at this site Settlement that Mahatmaji received inspiration of passive resistance. Mr Deshmukh is sailing by S.S. *Chandradhi* which leaves for India today (Friday). We wish him bright prospect in life and success in his mission.

he said. As head of the Coalition Government my colleagues all the while and I are responsible to the other Ends in the people of India at the time of the Cripps Mission in 1942 by which we offered Dominion status expressly by the statute of Westminster including the right of secession subject in certain procedure.

The final of those provisions was that there should be broad, real and sincere agreement between the main Indian parties.

"The second was that in the constitution we should have provision for the honourable discharge of the obligations we had contracted in India towards the minorities, who, added together, are themselves a majority and also for the discharge of those obligations embodied with the treaties with the Indian States."

Mr Churchill said that although the Cripps mission failed and Mahatma Gandhi's revolt had to be suppressed, the movement still persisted in its efforts. On June 14, 1945, when the Government had ceased to be a coalition and was a Conservative Government, the secretary of State for India, Mr L. S. Amery, made it clear that the date of March, 1946 still stood in its entirety.

No one will doubt the sincerity and earnestness with which the Cabinet Ministers and the Viceroy have laboured to bring about a solution of the difficulty and worked for a solution with a zeal which would be natural were it to gain an Empire and not to cast it away.

But the fact is that they have failed through no fault of their own, despite all their efforts and devotion and ingenuity—which is a fact which should be an indictment in Indian nations not only in this country but throughout the world.

Our supreme negotiations it has been increasingly clear that the object sought by you and Dominion states and the subsequent consequences of the right of self-determination and immediate independence. I am not sure that the results have been realised by the House—it certainly comes as a surprise to me.

"The new proposals that we have had upon us fail to shift the onus of deciding the future constitution of India from the Indian parties to the British Government who have themselves come forward with an elaborate and detailed scheme.

In so far as the shifting of the onus may prove to be the case it certainly seems to have been an unfortunate step which goes beyond what I understood was the purpose of the Ministers when they came into the Government, which was in all to the Prime Minister was to set up machinery for the nations to decide their fates of govern ment.

However, it will, I hope be common ground that we can not enforce by British arms a British-made constitution upon the Indians against the wishes of any of the main elements in Indian life.

"It would seem at first sight that attention should be paid mainly directed to the position of the Moslems numerically as nearly 80 per cent already the most formidable of all races and creeds in the Indian sub-continent, and who are virile and ambitious and whose attitude and actions are a matter of great consequence to the community as a whole and vital to the peace of India."

THREE-PARTY CONFERENCE

New Delhi Saturday

Highlights of the correspondence of the Simla three-party conference released today were offers by the Congress Party and Moslem League on a basis for agreement.

In a memorandum dated May 12, Congress suggested that a constituent assembly should be formed as follows—Representatives to be elected by each provincial assembly by proportional representation—the number to be elected to be one fifth of the members of the assemblies representative of the Muslims on the basis of population in proportion to the representation of British India. The constituent assembly to draw up a constitution for Federal Union which would consist of an All India Federal Government and Legislature dealing with foreign Affairs, Defence Communications, Fundamental Rights, Currency Customs and Subjects intimately connected therewith.

The union should have the necessary powers to obtain the requisite finances for these subjects, and power to raise revenue in its own right. All remaining powers are to be vested in the provinces of the union

Groups of provinces might be formed and each groups might determine provincial subjects which they desire to take in common

After the constituent assembly has drafted a constitution for an All Indian Federal Union representatives of the provinces might have groups to decide provincial constitutions for the group and it desired decide a group constitution

No major point of the All India Federal Constitution affecting a communal issue should be decided except by the constituent assembly unless a majority of members of the communality or communities concerned are present in the assembly and in voting are separately in favour.

If there is no agreement on such an issue it should be referred to arbitration. In the event of a dispute arising from a constitution concerning issue it should be referred to arbitrate. The whole constitution may be amended in all its parts.

There should be a separate constitution making body in the Hindi Moslem provinces. The would frame constitutions for the Pakistan Group and if the provinces in the Group would decide which subjects should be provincial and which central residuary sovereign powers being vested in the provinces.

The method of electing of members to the constituent making body would be such as would secure proper representation of various communities in proportion to their population in each province of the Pakistan Group.

After the final framing of constitutions of the Pakistan Federal Government and providing any provinces of the Group would be able to draw out of the Group after a reasonable time.

The President of the Moslem League in a memorandum on helping the League Mr Jinnah proposals proposed that the Moslem provinces should in taken into one group and to deal with all matters except foreign Affairs Defence and Subjects communication which might be dealt with by the constituting making bodies of the Moslem provinces called the Pakistan Group and Hindu provinces sitting together. Sage Hentier

News In Brief

The administrator of acting the Governor General in withhold his consent to the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill and if possible, forward a petition to the King may be considered by the 6th of March in Indian Congress also the Bill has caused the right of the citizens in the Bantu. The Senate had with the report and the Bill on Wednesday at the third reading was taken [illegible]

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INDIAN EMBARGO SERIOUSLY FELT IN S.A.

A PART from officially ratifying the Union Government of their intention to end the trade agreement India has not yet taken any further steps.

Private commercial interests in India it is understood, have in trade and in embassies certain commodities being exported to South Africa.

These are mainly jute and gunny bags condiments and cotton piece-goods. The shortage is given by being felt in the Union says Reuter's political correspondent at Capetown.

One ship is believed to be on its way to the Union with a cargo of gunny bags, but this will probably be the last.

Imports of rice from India have dropped considerably during the war and it is not expected that many more will be available from India in a long time—mainly caused by the land and shortages in India but also partly due to embargoes.

To prevent black market profiteering in embargoed goods by re-export to the Union from Mauritius and Portuguese East Africa some of the Indian exporters have also placed them embargo upon re-exports to these areas.

The embargo is being meet mainly felt at the moment in relation to jute and bags. High premiums are being offered to Indian importers in the Union if they can secure especially these are being limited.

One South African firm revealed by meeting £30,000 worth of rupees in this way in Indian-goes fortnight the contract being placed between the Indian Indian Government.

Cotton piece goods comprised a formidable part of imports from India still recently. In 1941 the imports were valued at nearly £1,800,000—in 1943 they totalled only £370,000.

India ranked as the third biggest exporter of cotton piece goods to the Union—Britain being first and Brazil second.

One very large importing firm which dealt extensively in gunny bags and sacking, learnt recently that for the first time in 21 years it had lost as many on import not reach due to the embargo.

Jute bags and making imports in 1944 totalled 240,000,000 yards these bags in 1941 when the imports were valued at £1,100,000.

Apart from its effect on the bagging of grain which must in some the embargo on jute will be felt in the Transvaal industry for it is understood that the embargo will also be sacred to sacking, webbing and hessian.

Canvas imports from India in 1944 totalled £75,428 as against £17,420 in 1941. Coir yarn valued at £28,450 was imported in 1944 as against only £4,730 in 1941. Sheet jute imports came in 1944 to £70,000 from £4,15 in 1941.

Kaffir cleaning may also be affected by the embargo upon items of this textile valued at £100,000 were imported in 1944 as against £15,000 worth in 1941.

Linseed imports from India totalled nearly 18,000,000 lb in 1941

Valued at £717,000 it was a significant increase over the 1941 total of £13,000.

It is believed that a ship is due to leave the Argentine shortly with 40 tons of linseed on it for the Union Government having urged to take advantage of this.

Condiment exports have already been fairly seriously affected it is understood that the Union are now being obliged to import pepper from Nigeria.

The import of spices from India in 1944 was valued at £50,000 while in 1941 it was £42,000.

It is difficult to assess how the embargo has been applied to groundnuts but these cannot escape attention.

In 1944 1,000,000 lb. were imported. These were valued at £20,000,000—nearly six times the value of the 1941 imports.

India's own food situation will probably affect these imports.

It is expected that the Union will receive 90 tons of rice from Mozambique at the end of the month and further 1,000 tons later.

Five thousand tons of beans are also expected from Portuguese territory.

It is being categorised by Cape Town that the embargo will be applied in time. There is, however a conflict of opinion as the British Government contended for the whole Commonwealth should some time ago.

India during the war supplied 30 per cent. of the Union's jute requirements.

SAPA-REUTER NEWS

Clash At Nagpur

Nagpur Sunday

Two persons were killed and five seriously injured in a clash between Hindus and Muslims (on two occasions) on the outskirts of Nagpur.

Woman Doctor Murdered

Rawalpindi (India) Tuesday

The police are making a wide area in their search for three men who are believed to be responsible for the murder of a British woman doctor captain Joyce Margaret Hiscox, of the royal naval medical corps on the Bombay-Peshawar express near the week end. Another European woman Miss N. W. Reid—a nursing sister has been admitted to the British military hospital here.

Murderer Arrested

Lahore, Wednesday

Two arrests have been made after the murder on the Bombay Peshawar express of captain Joyce Margaret Hiscox, a British woman army doctor. Three men believed to have been Sikhs were also reported to have entered Captain Hiscox's compartment, strangled her and thrown her

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Political Prisoners To Be Released

Lucknow Thursday

Orders for the release of 3,000 prisoners in the United Provinces, who were held as after the congress party majority had seen them these seen after taking office took month been summoned by the governor Sir Francis Wylie it was understood here. The releases are expected to be made before the end of next week.

Reduction In Ration

Singapore Friday

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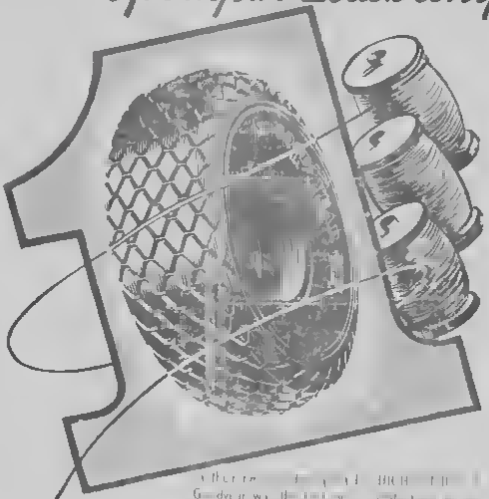
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OUR STRUGGLE AND ITS MEANING

By L. W. RITCH

...mental, emotional and other idiosyncrasies notwithstanding, is essentially a unit, coincident in all its parts and dependent for its progress and happiness on cooperation and mutuality.

Carlyle is reported to have said that the test of mankind's fortitude was not having to negotiate... Time and perhaps the whole fruit of its significance is perceived. For the ... blood of God implies one ... all kinds of coma... the common ... of differences ... between men and ... of nature. ... disregard of ... total truth ... and ... in ... in ... that is ... in the ... which ... the whole ... in all ... ...

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FAREWELL PARTY TO DELEGATION LEADER

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JOINT STATEMENT

New Delhi, Saturday

A JOINT statement issued by the British Cabinet Mission and H. Viceroy, Field Marshal Lord Wavell is in reply to the statements by the Congress and Muslim League on the Mission's India plan and also to a New Delhi broadcast, said "the scheme stands as a whole and can only work as such. Once a constitutional assembly is formed, there will be no interference on the part of the British Government with their discretion."

There was no intention to keep British troops in India against the intent of the Indian people, the statement said, but in the interim, it would be necessary for the troops to remain for the protection of the people.

The position is that since the Indian leaders, after a profound and exhaustive examination, failed to arrive at an agreement the Delegation put forward their recommendations as the nearest approach to ascertaining the views of the two main parties. The scheme stands as a whole and can only succeed if it is accepted and works in a spirit of co-operation.

The authority and functions of the constituent assembly and the procedure which it is intended to follow are clear from the Cabinet Delegation's statement, the statement continues.

"Once the constituent Assembly is formed we feel working on the basis, there is no question of anything with its discretion or of such cases in decisions.

We [illegible] agreement will [illegible] decision on such [illegible] necessary for [illegible] to the [illegible] ly in [illegible] reason [illegible] and which are to the section in which they are placed, does not amount with the Delegation's intention.

The reasons for the grouping of the Provinces are well known and this is an essential feature of the scheme and can only be modified by agreement between the parties.

"The right to opt out of a group after the constitution making has been completed, is exercised by the people themselves once of the first election under the new Provincial Constitution this question of opting out will obviously be a major issue and all those entitled to vote under the new franchise will be able to take their share in a truly democratic decision.

The question of how the States should be approached in the settlement generally it clearly was which must be discussed with the States. It is not a matter for a decision by the Delegation."

The statement describes the new plan as introducing "very significant changes" in the Government of India and a long step towards independence.

"His Majesty's Government will recognise the effect of these changes will attach the fullest weight to them and will give the Indian Government the greatest possible freedom in the exercise of the day-to-day administration of India" the statement says.

"As the Congress statement recognises, the present constitution must continue during the interim period and the interim government cannot themselves be made legally responsible to the Central Legislature.

There is, however, nothing to prevent members of the present cabinet individually, or by common consent, from resigning if they fail to pass an important measure through Legislature and if a vote of no confidence is passed against them.

There is, of course, no intention of removing British troops in India against the wishes of independent India under the new constitution, but during the interim period, which it is hoped will be short, the British Parliament has under the new constitution ultimate responsibility for the security of India and it is necessary therefore, that British troops should remain —Sapa Reuter.



Maulana Abul Kalam Azad asks for clarification from Lord Pethick Lawrence

QUESTION OF PARAMOUNTCY

New Delhi, Wednesday

The British Cabinet Mission in a memorandum presented to the Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, says it is clear that paramountcy would remain in operation during the interim period before India became fully independent.

"The British Government could not and will not in any circumstances, transfer paramountcy to an Indian Government" the memorandum said.

The statement added "when the new fully self-governing or independent government or governments come into being in British India, His Majesty's Government's influence with those governments will not be such as to enable them to carry out obligations of paramountcy. Moreover they cannot contemplate that British troops would be retained in India for this purpose."

The Cabinet Mission's memorandum added that the rights of States which flow from their relationship to the Crown will no longer exist and all rights surrendered by the States to the paramount power will return to the States. The political arrangements among the States are matter and with the British Crown on the other, will thus be brought to an end.

"The void will then to be filled either by the States entering into a federal relationship with the successor of the present or the conclusion of bilateral treaties or other political arrangements with it or them."

Great Britain in the paramount power in relation to the 562 odd Princely states, comprising about two-fifths of the Indian Peninsula.

These relations are determined by individual treaties between the British Crown and the Princes and the position of the Crown under these treaties is known by the general term "paramountcy."

By these treaties the Princes are precluded from having relations with Foreign Powers, and over the internal affairs of their States, they exercise a degree of control varyingly limited by rights vested in the paramount power.

Paramountcy gives the British Government the right to protect and powers the subjects of the States when living abroad.

In the Indian States, British Indian law is not extended British Indian Legislatures cannot pass Acts affecting them and the right of British Indian courts does not run in the 700,000 square miles of territory with a population of more than 90 crores which make up princely India.

The British Cabinet Mission's could they wish to make clear that the memorandum was drawn up before the Mission began its discussions with the party leaders.

It only recalled the substance of what they communicated to the representatives of the States at their first interview with the Mission a Ministry said, adding that in the explanations in words assurances government or governments of British India an expression which would not of course have been used with the issue of the Delegation's second statement.—Sapa Reuter.

PRESS COMMENTS

"GHETTO" BILL AND U.N.O.

Commenting on the "Ghetto Bill the *Rhodesian Times* writes as follows in its issue of April 18:—

SIR Ramaswami Mudaliar announced in the Central Assembly that if the "Ghetto" Bill was passed into law the Government of India would take steps to bring the matter before the U.N.O. The means that further proceedings in the Union Assembly is unnecessary with that Bill will become a matter of international concern. Sir Ramaswami did not say how the matter was to be placed before the U.N.O. A good many objections may be taken by the South African Government to put the Bill before a purely domestic issue. Such an objection will not be valid as the "Ghetto" Bill constitutes a direct violation of the principle of the Charter of the United Nations which begins by saying that the peoples of the United Nations are determined among other things, "to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small." The Bill is also contrary to the purposes of the Charter as set down in Article 1. Clause 3 of that article states that one of the main purposes of the U.N.O. is to achieve international co-operation in solving external economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion." The fact Indians still also appeals to a multilateral repudiation of the undertakings given by the British and South African Governments at the time South Africa began to let Indians immigrate and of the spirit of the Smuts-Gandhi Agreement and the Capetown Agreement. India is as much entitled to take the dispute to the U.N.O. as Persia, the internal evacuation of Russian troops. Lastly, the dispute is calculated to disturb international peace and harmony, the maintenance of which is the first objective of the U.N.O. If General Hanekom Government can be arraigned before the Security Council on account of its restrictionary measures and they do ill-treatment of Spanish nationals sheltered by the ruling clique there should be no difficulty in putting Great Britain's regime of unfair and oppressive regulations on the dock.

The case can be passed before the General Assembly if the U.N.O., the Security Council and the Social and Economic Council. There are advantages and disadvantages in each of these steps and it is the duty of the Government of India to take counsel with national leaders as to how the matter can be most effectively dealt with. The General Assembly is obviously the best forum from the point of view of world publicity. The issue can be raised such Article 10 which empowers it to discuss any problems or matters within the scope of the present Charter or relate to the powers and functions of any organs provided for in the present Charter and, except as provided in Article 12, may make recommendations to the Members of the United Nations or to the Security Council or to both on any such questions or matters." A two-thirds majority is required for decisions and unless the Indian case is presented by a great personality like Sir Stafford Cripps or Pandit Nehru General Smuts may be able to muzzle the debate so to defeat the motion. Also the matter has to be referred to the Security Council for action. It is open to India at any time to refer the matter to the Security Council under Articles 34 and 35 which provide for investigation of any dispute likely to endanger the maintenance of international peace and security. Recall of the Indian High Commissioner in South Africa and economic action on Indo-South African trade may be sufficient to provide technical justification for the Security Council to take cognizance of the dispute. But on decisions of the Council on procedure affirmative votes, on they largely depend on the attitudes of the Big Three, it may be necessary to find out if the latter favour this procedure before deciding to approach the Security Council. The Economic and Social Council decides by a majority of members present, and under Article 64 it may take action through a commission or special agency to obtain a report about the position of Indians in South Africa and the consequences of the "Ghetto Bill." This procedure may be dilatory and rather cumbrous but may be found to be worthwhile as a first step. It is also incidentally to initiate a move for the study of and a watch as racial and national minority legislation of the world. The [illegible] well-made by Asiatic [illegible]

South Africa's Basic Problem

The South African Bill restricts the land tenure of Indians to prescribed areas to enable them to send three Europeans to the legislature as their representatives, has passed in third reading and will soon become law. The Government of India must therefore implement their pronouncement to raise the whole issue before the United Nations. It is not likely that that will bring any immediate change in the situation but it will at least expose the pretensions of those who are always praising at not the less unenviable democracy that the British Commonwealth is setting to the rest of the world. The studied reticence of such a justice of the European attitude to Indians of African origin and not to be debates like the place on the third reading of the Bill [illegible] Party which ex-pects the Boxer and the Dominion Party (which retains for the Englishmen in Natal joined forces to remove from the Bill the proposals regarding franchise) to stung was their opposition that General Smuts was confined to speak in accusatory of colour reform and to assume the role of a great revolutionary in defending the ridiculously limited communal franchise that is proposed for Indians. Most instructive in the strange conduct of the Labour Party two prominent members of which are actually resigned because the others acted with the Government on this question. Mr. W. H. Madeley, the Labour leader made a curious speech in opposing the Bill, in the course of which he argued that once India will mean achieve independence and since she is a country which in all essentials will remain in the Commonwealth it would be highly dangerous to antagonise feelings in India.

Why should a spokesman of Labour—which outwardly stands for socialism and equality—exhibit any strong disinclination to use a limited franchise of Indians? The reason is to be found in the economic structure of the Union. Mr. Madeley and his friends represent the white workers who have a monopoly of the skilled jobs in industry and are paid more at night times the wages that an African is ordinarily getting. Any slight improvement in the political or educational condition of our white workers in [illegible] therefore mean an [illegible] white worker who [illegible] in [illegible] Because of [illegible] gold and the [illegible] South Africa is able to pay very high wages to the [illegible] workers but needless to say that of the heavy [illegible] and is [illegible] African's basic problem, but the white section of it is [illegible] They like to think (as Hitler did) of extending their hold over other regions of Africa and become [illegible] masters of a continent to which they have brought nothing but greed and exploitation.—*Ft. ndo*

CONGRESS RESOLUTION

New Delhi Friday

The Congress working committee at its meeting held yesterday passed a resolution welcoming the announcement in full session of the proposed provisional government of India and urging it to give a final opinion at this stage on the British Cabinet Mission's proposals for India. The picture that the committee sees before it is that the initiative which they have taken to achieve Independence for India is nearing fulfilment and the only remaining obstacle in the way is the communal enmity between Hindus and Muslims. The committee is of opinion that if the Congress and the Muslim League could be brought together in the provisional government, it would be a great step towards the realisation of their objective. The committee, therefore, appeals to the Muslim League to reconsider its decision and join the provisional government.

The committee is of opinion that the Congress has accepted the proposals in the spirit in which they were made and has given the fullest assurance that it will work the proposals in that spirit. The committee is also of opinion that the Congress has given the fullest assurance that it will work the proposals in that spirit. The committee is also of opinion that the Congress has given the fullest assurance that it will work the proposals in that spirit.

—Reuter

CONGRESS MAY ACCEPT PLAN

New Delhi Tuesday

ALTHOUGH the British Cabinet mission's new temporary proposals for the immediate setting up of an Indian interim government have had an ill-reveal reception in the Congress camp, the Calcutta says the Times correspondent has to take into account that the future views of the Congress Party on how the long-term constitution of India should be formulated.

The report that the Congress Party have left open the door to the possibility of their joining in work in the Constituent Assembly for a revision of the essential features of the scheme seems to be borne out by the statement which Gandhiji has made in the columns of his Harijan newspaper.

Maulana Qazi Abdul Wahid says that the Cabinet proposals did not go by accept the British who are to set up an all-party executive only in the control of finance.

This is the reason that many will regard as a point, but it marks a new meaning to Gandhiji on the stipulation that the provisions should in the first instance be grouped in sections.

Gandhiji infers that the "non-party character of the Government" presupposed that the chairman of the constituent assembly as the first meeting will ask the provincial delegates whether they accept the group principle and if so whether they accept the method most given their particular group.

For the rest Gandhiji's statement contains some qualified compliments to the British as they affect at devising the means of quitting India in an orderly fashion, especially that their document is a great story note of which Gandhiji is not quite sure until he is satisfied about the freedom of the constituent assembly and certain other matters—doubtless the powers and composition of interim government—to which he will refer next week.

Anyone can read what he likes into the statement.

Some observers infer it to mean that the members of Congress, although determined to get all they can for themselves out of the Cabinet's scheme, intend to accept it in any case.—Sapa-Reuter

without having used a [illegible] decision. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the retiring Congress president told the press after the meeting that it was hoped to complete the discussions by tomorrow. Today's session has not announced the whole field of the recent constitutional negotiations into the question of an interim government. The Moslem reply to the proposals is also held up until the working committee and the council of the Moslem League meet early next month. The Congress meeting followed a 90-minute talk between Field Marshall Viscount Wavell, Maulana Azad and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru the Congress President about which was regarded as having opened a new stage in the negotiations for the implementation of the proposals made by the British Cabinet Mission to India.

Moslem League Meeting in June

New Delhi Friday

Dr Azad the president of the Indian Congress party whose working committee is discussing the British proposals for India in the shape of secretary may summon a statement this afternoon Moves for the formation of an interim government seems unlikely before the Moslem League working committee and the All India Council of the Moslem League meet early in June to discuss the British Cabinet Mission's statement. The Viceroy Field Marshall Lord Wavell has already completed the last of both Congress and the League on the most effective means of setting up such a government but it is unlikely that an Interim Plan is agreed upon by both parties to [illegible] speed. The Congress working committee, it is believed will call in the present meeting for a meeting of a week or two days. The Moslem League newspaper Dawn says today that if no satisfaction is obtained at the final points in the Cabinet Mission's plan for India the League might have an alternative but to reject it. The newspaper said the Moslems cannot be expected to walk into a booby trap. Dawn went on to say that if the functions of the Federal Court on what constitutes a major communal issue and what does not, is not in the hands of the chairman of the constituent assembly this vital subject will be reduced to a farce.

Returning Within 3 Weeks

New Delhi Saturday

The British Cabinet Mission may be in a position to return to Britain within three weeks if things go well according to informed political quarters here. However, consider that the Congress working committee's resolution issued last night [illegible] critical of the Mission's plan for India leaves sensitive in certain respects, does not close the door to progress if seems that between that no new moves are likely before June 6 as the Congress committee is to consider its rule or no and the [illegible] Moslem League working committee will not be held till June 7 and 8. The interval will allow the parties to take stock of the position.

Government Refutes

New Delhi Saturday

An official communique issued today refutes press statements suggesting that general amnesty had contained elaborate plans to release all prisoners and internees in contemplation which might lead to an upset in the result. The suggestion was considered in certain misapprehension of official statements. It would then pave the way to release those whose sole purpose the suppression of lawlessness. They are not, and never will be free against the legitimate aspirations of the people of India.

Immigration Bill For East Africa

Dar es Salaam Saturday.

A debate [illegible] the Postponement of Ordinances Immigration bill which is due to come before the legislative council in October was made to-day in a meeting of representatives of Indian associations in Tanganyika. It was said they would more than to consider this vital question. The meeting was called following a statement made in the [illegible] by the secretary of state, Mr Hall that the Asiatic and African population in East Africa had increased [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] during the war while the number of Indians to enter the country had been slightly to some any [illegible] indicated in the [illegible] during the period February [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

stained without entering into the complicated question of the position of Indians in East Africa should have become entirely dependent upon owing allegiance to the British Crown. It must be agreed that some such arrangement required to be made for Indian emigration into those the territories if the whole of East Africa is not to become a sort of Indian colony.

Removal Of Rice

Singapore Tuesday

British troops in Burma and the Burmese Civil government are racing against the monsoon—which may break within 24 days and may make it quite impossible to move nearly 11,000 tons of rice to the starving Burmese. Some of the rice is in the delta of the Irrawaddy and the Sittang water 100 miles to west of Rangoon. Reconnaissance parties have already studied the possibility of transporting the rice by water in case likely to be cut off by the monsoon. The 17th Indian division which is organising the most difficult routes, is using more than 100 Japanese-driven lorries. The army has also lent the civil government 300 lorries.

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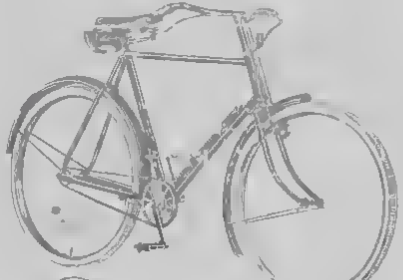
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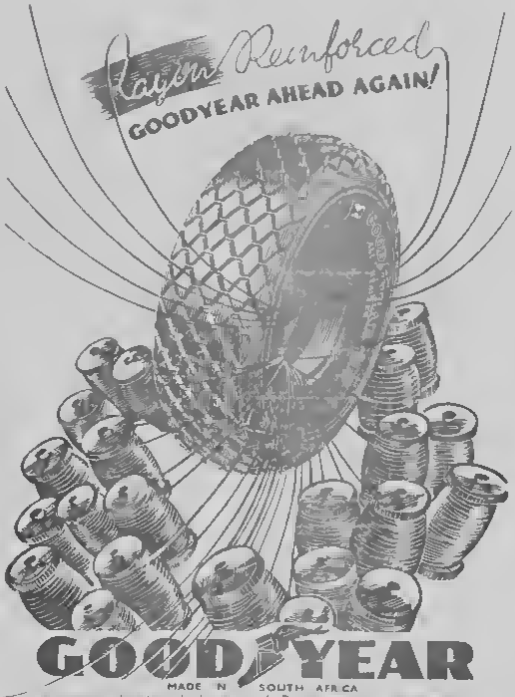
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...unitarian support to whatever action Natal in her wisdom may take against the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill. The Union must see that the Union Government and the Indian people have an honourable settlement of the unpleasant matters of the Indian Immigrants.

Two other members of the Deputation, Mr. H. P. Pillay and Mr. Advocate A. Chinniah, and Mr. S. R. Naidoo.

European passengers who arrived on the Kampala reported that all the large cities in India with European and Indian occupiers had taken up the attitude of not allowing South African cities to land any passengers in fact one passenger remarked, "There are lodgers in all the Union No and Africans Admitted

Reception By N.I.C.

A CALL Natal to pay India to accept any part of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill—to...on the Provincial Council or on the Indian Boards—was made by Dr. G. M. Naicker, president of the Natal Indian Congress, before a gathering of over 1,000 Indians assembled in the Avalon Theatre, Durban.

The meeting was called by the Natal Indian Congress to hear reports from the Indian delegation who went overseas to acquaint the people there with the provisions of the Indian Bill.

Advocate A. Christopher speaking of his visit to India, said that the people there were united with the spirit of independence. The country was now marching ruthlessly forward and would in three years be equal to Russia, Britain or America.

The South African had not to their march forward would have to take the non-European population with them.

We are limited that the whole question will go before U.N.O. declared Mr. Christopher.

It is possible that all or all the nations who are not likely to the Bill will rise to the occasion.

People had said that they would not like to live in India, speaking personally he would not hesitate to do so.

Mr. P. R. Pather, a delegate who visited England, declared:

Wherever we were we lectured around that every country regards South African harijanites as the worst of humanity.

Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee who led the delegation to India, read part of a message from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru which declared that India was not at present strong enough to take any action, but the people to put an end to racial discrimination and to the treatment of Indians in South Africa, when they might be strong enough.

The present Government of India could not be expected to take any expeditionary and it Kashmir, but that overseas would only be a temporary one, Mr. Nehru added. Although there would be a national Government of India.

Passive Resistance

To Start On June 13

As a protest against the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill which became law on Monday, the Indian Youth Association are following a campaign of passive resistance commencing from Thursday, June 13.

Dr. G. M. Naicker, president of the Natal Indian Congress, said that the Day of Mourning on June 13 would mark the opening of the passive resistance movement in South Africa. It would continue as long as the Bill remained. The Transvaal Indian Congress was co-operating with the Natal Indian Congress by means of a joint council.

The Natal Indian Congress received a cable from the National Indian Congress in India stating that all India would support South Africa in their fight against the Act. They hoped to organise on Africa Day to synchronise with the opening of the passive resistance campaign in South Africa.

Dr. Naicker pointed out that the resistance movement was on a purely voluntary basis. No strikes would be called. Mahatma Gandhi stated that all passive resistance movements must be a trail of self-suffering. There should be no violence.

The first group of volunteers to break the laws will be a group of women from the Transvaal who will break the Transvaal barrier laws by coming into Natal with out the necessary permits. They are expected to arrive some time this week.

Indians In South Africa

Mahatma Gandhi writes in his Sunday's *Harijan*:—

Indians inside and outside South Africa owe much gratitude to India. They propose to appeal to UNO when they have exhausted their sympathy. But I say in so doing through the Indian Government they will be withdrawing the case from the world. What little the Government is doing is through the majesty of the Indian people. The Government is not a representative Government. It is merely pretending to be such. The Government is not a party to the case. Indians in South Africa are fighting their battle which they can finally discharge only by the help of the people in the world. Government should be the last they can take recourse to. It would be well when Indians in South Africa realise that they must handle their own affairs. They must be prepared to suffer. Therefore I am of opinion that the Government of India should not take up the case. Let Indians in South Africa rely entirely upon their own unaided and unassisted strength. Let them be prepared to suffer whether it be for the good or bad. It would be the ultimate gain which they can realise.

Sabotaging The Cause

The Daily News Parliamentary correspondent reliably understands that a number of responsible Indians are associated with the Natal and Transvaal Indian Congresses who will be willing to serve in the Union Army (Hear, Hear). May God give better sense to such people.

PLAYING WITH FIRE

THE feelings of all Indians about the discriminatory treatment of Indians in South Africa which was recently expressed by the breaking of trade relations with the Union Government, do not appear to have changed the latter's main purposes. That Government, during the second reading of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill in the Union Assembly, General Smuts seems to deny that the Bill is intended to affect Indians and their property in any way. He says that the Bill will not affect Indians in the Transvaal and Natal and that in the Cape Province Indians will be affected only to a very small extent. Yet he admits frankly that the Bill is intended to affect Indians in Natal and the Transvaal, and that the Government of India did not agree to the Bill when it was first introduced. Why then should the Bill be introduced at all? Why should it be introduced again? Why should it be introduced at all? Why should it be introduced again? Why should it be introduced at all? Why should it be introduced again? Why should it

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SAPA-REUTER NEWS

Application Of Economic Sanctions

Lahore, Thursday

Mr A S. Bhabha has expressed satisfaction that the High Commissioner Mr Deshmukh who was now on his way to India, would not return to South Africa.

Mr Bhabha said that the two demands of the South African delegation the economic sanction against South Africa and the withdrawal of the High Commissioner would be carried out as he had learned that the government of India was contemplating the implication of the economic sanctions from July 1

Mr Bhabha appealed to Indian business men and to sell only goods to outsiders, except on conditions that the goods are not re-exported to South Africa, and also not to buy goods from South Africa only even from third parties.

Elimination Of Colonialism

New York yesterday

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru a leader of the Indian Congress Party has sent a message of greetings to this rally for colonial freedom which is scheduled to take place in Liberty Jersey according to the *Daily Worker*

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Bombay June 1st

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solved, Mahatma Gandhi says

He thinks that it permanently cannot be sealed with the establishment of an interim government if it should be resolved in co-operation with such government.

If the Princes are true to their professions they should welcome the popular rule of persons entitled to act and themselves in the sovereignty of the people as envisaged so far the plan

Referring to the arrangement to keep troops in India during the interim period if we are to walk when we are free We must cease from sawing as to be appealed

Trade Unions Asked To Organise

Mention if Mr Bevin's recently appealed to non-European trade unions to avoid present disputes between European trade unions and employers who to be opened the annual conference of the Transvaal Council of Non European Trade Unions in Johannesburg. He said that there was determined effort on the part of employers to turn non European trade unions into those disposed to encourage the Government and mining industries. Native trade unions were on verge of official recognition Senator Hoggett said and Africans are also being invited in a spirit of goodwill

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RAILWAY STRIKE

Conciliation Attempts Fail

New Delhi, Thursday

Efforts by a Government conciliator to settle the dispute over wages and conditions which threatens a railway strike through out India, failed today when the Railway Federation rejected proposals for an interim settlement. A spokesman for the railway workers said the strike on June 27 which might involve 500,000 men could be averted only unless either an adjudicator were appointed to decide the points at issue a revision of the scales of pay an increment and a bonus amounting to three months pay—or the issue a counter-proposals were accepted by the railway authorities

Notice Given To Govt.

New Delhi Friday

Action of the railway strike throughout India, which threatens to paralyse transport during the hot, low political famine once may be averted by the Government of India by the All India Railway Workers Federation which represents 400 000 employees.

The points in dispute are the reinstatement of the wages of pay, and retrenchment and a bonus amounting to three months pay and returns some settlement is reached between now and June 27 a country wide stoppage seems certain

The latest attempt at a settlement failed when the railway men's representatives yesterday turned down as totally inadequate proposals by the railway authorities for an interim settlement involving an additional cost of £2 500,000.

Counter-proposals by the railway men which would cost more than £7 000 000 in the first year and more than £23 000 000 annually in subsequent years, were unacceptable to the authorities who said that the demands would be met only by increasing rates and fares. They considered this undesirable in the present difficult times.

Appeal To Viceroy To Intervene

New Delhi Saturday

An appeal to the Viceroy Field Marshal Lord Wavell to intervene in the biggest strike threat in the history of Indian labour involving nearly 1,000,000 men employed on India's rail ways, was made by the President of the All India Trade Union Congress, Mr Mainali Kanji Bose.

The Government of India, he declared should step to take the risk of a movement developing into a general strike with resultant chaos.

The strike was brought nearer when the railwaymen's Unions served strike notices on all the eight State owned railways, to come into effect on June 27, if their demands are not granted.

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To Commence On June 27

Bombay Saturday

By the end of today responses will be received from all eight State-owned railways, covering 20 000 square miles and touching the three corners of the triangular in the Peninsula, had announced their intention to strike on June 27 if their demands had not been granted by then.

The last three railways to receive strike notices were the South Indian Railway which links Madras with the country further South the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway which links the South India with the rest of India and the Great western Railway which leaves the south western part of the country

If the strike materialises it will be the biggest in the history of Indian labour involving about 1 000 000 workers. The State railways are the largest employers of labour in India —Sapa Hunter

INDIANS!

THURSDAY 13th JUNE IS HARTAL DAY

The Joint Passive Resistance Council of the Natal and Transvaal Indian Congresses has declared Thursday 13th June a day of Hartal in order to protest against the Indian Act will begin the following day

All Indian businessmen are requested to close their shops, offices industries and other businesses for the whole day on June 13th.

All Indian parents are requested not to send their children to school on this day

All Indian workers whose employers do not close their businesses are asked to remain at work

All Indians and their sympathisers are urged to attend mass meetings to be held by all Congress branches in the evening as Hartal Day

In Durban a mass meeting will be held at the Red Square at 5.30 p.m.

NEHRU AND CHURCHILL

By LOUIS FISCHER in "Hindustan Standard"

A recent Sunday article telegraphed from Allahabad by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru appeared in the New York 'Times' magazine.

On Tuesday of that week, the former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill delivered a speech at Fulton, Missouri.

The two documents were laid mainly related even though Nehru had not seen Churchill's address when he wrote his essay entitled 'Colonialism Must Go' and Churchill complained his text was allowed to President Truman and Secretary of State, James Byrnes before Nehru's piece was printed.

Nehru's words constitute a plain unvarnished attempt Churchill's statements entails frequent mystifying. Nehru placed India in a new framework of post-war international politics. Nehru showed his awareness of many new factors in world affairs which alter the old problem of Indian independence.

The end of Colonialism and Imperialism he says will not mean splitting the world into a host of sovereign national States intent on their isolated independence. It will lead to a new co-operation together of all nations in new outlook and co-operation gradually replacing competition and conflict.

Great Britain and certain Americans have always regarded India's independence as a threat and danger. Nehru here suggests that it contains promise. In every paragraph Nehru manifests internationalism. He hopes soon on "one hundred empire which tried to help nursing still more emancipate empires" in this process the British expand the dimensions of their kingpin without moving the Dutch Empire. Indonesia and Indo-China must go free Nehru insists.

"Moreover because of India's hopeless poverty, Nehru "other countries notably those in the Middle East, have suffered subjection as time has come to be India might be protected and insured for imperialistic purposes. Thus he relates the freedom of Arab countries to the liberation of India.

"A free India Nehru concludes "will link together the Middle East and China" India is so situated to form the centre of a group of Asian nations for defense as well as trade and commerce. Also its adequate place now in India with the wanderlust of the Indian Ocean basin like America and New Zealand.

Nehru looks on a western world basis rather than an Irrepressible agitator. He sees his own movement in the context of everybody's interests "security ions and divisive strategy cannot succeed in an air-atomic age.

India's independence Nehru assumes pledges, his only the first step it must not be delayed "The first big step a simple enough because in Then other questions can be discussed in between nations.

Atlee Patrick Lawrence, Cripps, Alexander said Would shrewd ponder over that sentences. And also this It is only when and after Independence has been granted that the Indian can be held for friendly and co operative relations between the proponents of protective Empire realise that Independence is by means not mere small measure isolation in absolute in its purposes.

Will the Labour Govern ment see with a clear mind that is offered a golden opium opportunity in this statement of grave origin for England?

If they do not see it yet Nehru points his finger to the sword constantly in hand If however freedom is delayed or circumscribed he writes and relations and dependencies are used as powers in the game of power politics at a new great Powers, then those dependent or municipend ent countries will also play their part in power politics in the ex tent they can aids with this or that Power in return such concessions as advantage. This means Russia. We have the alternative, Nehru declares in effect

He does not like the alternative because if the colonies stays it, they will add in the confusion and chaos of a distracted world and would bring the nations together with others to inevitable disaster"

Britain has been wanted put [illegible] good.

Then Nehru tore storm his superiority over Churchill The former Prime Minister sim finds that a constantly expanding Russia is a menace to peace and freedom losing countries. But what does he propose? An Anglo-American military alliance tantamount to an American guarantee of the British Colonial Empire This nineteenth century solution is out of date ineffective and disastrous.

Churchill is always a supercolonialist and imperialist. Nehru is an internationalist. Churchill helped to evoke the atomic bomb. He believes in rightfulness Nehru uses the language of the Atomic Age. Churchill appeals a dual solitude Nehru promises "world order

Since Russia [illegible] hill and with [illegible] United America [illegible] Empire Since Hamlet threatens Nehru nothing else freedom in India. I dominate in [illegible] Egypt, Syria, the Lebanon all

A free India would resist Russian encroachment as dangerous as its freedom An unplanned unhappy and disaffected India, Egypt and Java might court Russia.

Several members of the Senate, and the House of Representatives have already answered Churchill America must not assume responsibility for British imperialism That is by way of understatement not late either of us permit it At a market I feel Churchill's recent [illegible] speech of his usual blue lip service to the UNO But actually as a response [illegible] inadequacies of it is only what he omitted [illegible] of it through the [illegible]

Churchill's address took special significance not only because it has very [illegible] but because [illegible] Truman's address was [illegible] by President Truman and Secretary of State James Byrnes

Truman travelled with Churchill in the same train to Fulton Missouri

In his introductory remarks to Fulton Truman said: "I know that Churchill will have some things constructive to his speech." Is this what Truman calls "constructive"? Is a free Power allies to defend that status "constructive" We see that it this to have the American Government views the future of mankind Truman has said Wilkie expression "One World"

The world mission there is no human problem there is no human problem and there is no problem The fate of Britain or the world Public Russia and India and America and Egypt and Germany and Here in all are individuals problems for at least one segment of the problem so Churchill did in the unfortunately Churchill's proposal is Power proposal. It would preserve the status quo and the diseases it bred.

Churchill does not promise to liquidate the British Empire after hegemony imperialism has been checked. Not a word from him on that If Churchill's plan is adopted Russia, the evils of imperialism balance of power [illegible] continuing as it exists [illegible] Britain remain [illegible] stage from it cannot war with Russia

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Transvaal Indians TO OBSERVE 13th June AS HARTAL DAY

The Joint Passive Resistance Council of the Natal and Transvaal Congress appeals to all Indians to observe Tuesday 13th June as a Day of Hartal to protest against the Ghetto Act

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PASSIVE RESISTANCE TO-DAY

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USSR AND GHETTO

GOVERNMENT WILL NOT MAKE MARTYRS

DISCUSSIONS took place between police officials and the Minister of Justice, Mr. H. G. Lawrence, over the policy to be adopted towards the passive resistance campaign which Natal and the Transvaal Indians threaten to launch as a protest against the passing of the Indian Bill.

Brigadier Fairest, the Commissioner of Police, said he was interviewed but he is still awaiting instructions from the Minister of the attitude the police should take up.

The Government does not wish to play into the hands of resisters by making martyrs out of them, but is determined that the position should not get out of hand.

The actual policy to be followed will prove a difficult matter to decide as it is not known exactly what form the passive resistance campaign will follow. Brigadier Fairest said that as far as he knew the Indians intended to break all laws with a race-discriminatory bias.

"Our policy will, of necessity have to be somewhat elastic," he added.

Meanwhile Durban is waiting with interest but without alarm to see what happens when the Indian passive resistance campaign is open.

Dr. G. M. Naicker, President of the Natal Indian Congress, has challenged any Indian to accept any part of the Bill or to sit on the Provincial Council or the Asiatic Board.

The passive resistance movement he says is purely voluntary. No strike will be called and there will be no violence, but any Indian who accepts nomination will be ostracised.

Volunteers have been attending classes in Natal and the Transvaal in the past few weeks, to train for the campaign of resistance. A leader has been chosen for each district in South Africa to organise the defiance of the Act.

The launching of the struggle will be preceded on Thursday by "Burial Day throughout the Union, and in Indian on "Africa Day" will be held throughout the country in sympathy with the Indian community in the Union. Hundreds of national leaders will address mass meetings in the bigger Indian centres.

Meanwhile, contact has been maintained with East Africa and there are strong possibilities that the action community there will join in the struggle.

An appeal for support from Europeans in South Africa has been made and a European committee of sympathisers formed.

NO NOMINATION ON BOARD

SAYS NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS

The Natal Indian Congress has now officially advised the Government that it will not nominate any Indian to the Land Tenure Advisory Board.

In a letter to the Commissioner for Immigration and Asiatic Affairs, the Congress says: "There is no other legislation Act or measure to which the Natal Indian Congress has given more serious and continuous attention. We are fully aware of the principles and the provisions of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act, 1946, which has been so appropriately described by the Indian people as the "Ghetto Act."

The Minister knows the names of five Indians who represent responsible Indian opinion in this Province. It is with deep and considered pride and relief that these to act as Indian representatives of responsible opinion as only of being called Indians anywhere in South Africa or beyond, they will allow us to be subjected to any test for this purpose.

The Minister is fully aware that the "Ghetto Act is designed to suppress and restrict the just and democratic aspirations of the Indian community of South Africa. The Minister is aware moreover that racial oppression and discrimination is deeply repugnant to the Christian, then on the mandate of this "Ghetto" Act that Indian people of South Africa stand shamed in their consciences by civilised opinion the world over and their Government, stand opposed to such other.

We are resolute in our determination to resist this measure in a manner what the consequences may be. The Minister knows full well that the Indian people of South Africa have come long to be united in such deep and sympathetic sympathy. And this attitude is to and unto be every true democratic heart of whatever it may be.

Yours respectfully, we'll close after such exceptional demonstration of deep and Indian feelings merit the very principles of the the Congress and I shall forthwith adding myself to infamy.

It does appear though in view of the offensive misery attached to the Ghetto Act that it might not be impossible for the Minister to consult two Indians in some responsible capacity in all communities here such qualified, Lavale and John Ameera.

INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER RECALLED

THE Government of India announced that they had recalled their High Commissioner in South Africa.

The text of the official announcement reads: As a protest against the South African Indian Government's attitude of total hostility to representations by the Raj for the postponement of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill, the caning and trade sanctions between India and South Africa being terminated and no sanctions do not seem to improve, it has been found necessary to recall the High Commissioner.

The High Commissioner, Sir R. P. Dadabhoy, recently left Durban for India.

An official statement of the High Commissioner's recall said: "The Bill of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation bill just passed by the Union Parliament and assented to by the Governor-General marks the culmination of a series of legislative measures that have been adopted by the Union Government from time to time in the teeth of opposition by the Indian community of South Africa and in particular the Indians in Natal.

Also tracing the history of Indian emigration to Natal and recounting the disabilities of Indians in South Africa, the statement said the Natal Bill came as an addition to the policies of the Riots the Bill to worse in many respects than the Pegging Act and while that Act applied only to residential and trading rights, the present Bill applies to all kinds of property including agricultural land in both urban and rural areas.

The Bill provided for the postponement of its application and as the model by the Union Government was the Bill of 1939 which was rejected by the Indian Government as unacceptable, the Government of India considered that they had no alternative but to recall their High Commissioner.

IGNORE CONGRESS

THE Minister of the Interior (Senator F. C. Gardiner) stated that the Senate ignore a scheme to set aside land in the Roodepoort-Strijdorp (Rand) for two proposed townships one for Indians and one for Coloured people.

He said the Roodepoort municipality was anxious to set aside certain land for ownership and occupation by Coloured people and Indians. The scheme had the approval of the Indian Commission but was opposed by the Transvaal Indian Congress.

He hoped all right-thinking Indians and Coloured people would help to make this scheme a success. It was in the interests of the Coloured people for many years to be guaranteed the right to own property in good surroundings.

It seemed to be unfair to Roodepoort if the municipality of Pretoria could put a number of Indian and Coloured people in certain areas and then refuse to allow Roodepoort to do the same.

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JINNAH FOR PAKISTAN

New Delhi Wednesday

[illegible] presidential address at the Muslim League was loudly cheered when he reiterated that Muslim League Council would, here today, that its decision would not confirm to the Cabinet Mission's proposals for the establishment of India [illegible] Pakistan and [illegible] Muslim India.

The council members were waiting to give their final verdict on the British Cabinet Mission's proposals for the establishment of India [illegible] Pakistan and [illegible] Muslim India.

[illegible] Jinnah said that [illegible] decision he said that although [illegible] view of the Muslim League opposition.

The three Cabinet Ministers [illegible] said that [illegible] about Pakistan in order to please and placate the Congress party.

The Cabinet delegation's proposals contain the basis of Pakistan, he added, but the factors and arguments in support of Pakistan have been mutilated in the Cabinet delegation's statement to appease Congress.

The Mission's condemnation of Pakistan has led to the jubilations of the Hindus and Congress, but the latter have discovered that it is a sugar coated pill.

Mr Jinnah called the South African Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representative Act as a blot on civilization and science.

Turning to Palestine, he deplored the recent report by the Anglo-American Commission as thoroughly dishonest, and with an utter disregard for fairness and justice in every sense.

After dealing with the political problems of Indonesia, Cyprus and other countries, Mr Jinnah said: "They say that Imperialism is dead and that the mission has come to Delhi to perform its funeral. Why don't they go to London and perform the funeral of Dutch Imperialism and ask the Dutch to get out of Indonesia?"

The Council then agreed to Mr Jinnah's proposal to meet in camera later today to consider the British Cabinet mission's proposals. Mr Jinnah said a resolution [illegible] may be issued after the private meeting.

To Make Final Decision

New Delhi Wednesday

Addressing the All-India Muslim League Council—a body of 470 representatives which [illegible] here today to take a final decision on the British Cabinet mission proposals for the future of [illegible] Mr Jinnah, president of the Muslim League, in the course of his presidential address said: "In my opinion the proposals of the Cabinet Mission to the All-India Muslim League in their present form are wholly unacceptable to the Muslim League. But in the end we will say [illegible]

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Message From Mr. P. K. Rao

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Education Of Indian Women

A meeting on the Education of Indian girls and women will be held at the International Club on Thursday 20th June at 8.30 p.m. Miss K. R. Gay, B.A. of Indian Girls High School and Mr. A. D. Lazarus, M.A. of Sastri College will be the speakers.

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Agenda: 1. Election of officials and Committee Members. 2. Constitution.

Only members of the Congress are entitled to be present at the aforesaid meeting.

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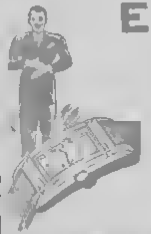
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Europeans Penetrate In Indian Camp

Taunts Resented

A band of about 30 Europeans raided the camp of the Indian passive resistance members on Sunday night and down the tents which had been erected at the corner of Gale Street and Umbilo Road Durban and carried them away

Even since the Indians camped on the controlled land as a protest against the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill on Friday night small groups of Europeans have been collecting any rumour and removing bits and pegs. On returning Dr G. M. Naicker the leader of the resistance group has asked the Europeans to refrain from any act of violence and the intruders have left without doing any further harm

Dr Naicker said that he was not going to take any action in the result of last night's affair. He did not wish the Europeans to think that the passive resistance members were acting against their interests.

When a representative of "The Natal Mercury" arrived at the camp last night he saw the structures on which the Indians have been sleeping standing in the open. A group of Indian men and women were behind raised a fire.

Dr Naicker who was wrapped in a blanket said that he had tried to persuade the women to leave the camp until such time as new tents could be provided but they had insisted on remaining. "If we have no tents they say will sleep in the open" declared Dr Naicker

"The removal of the tents was done very swiftly first the women men were removed and then the remaining four. We keep guards no duty every night but we are not allowed to resist, and any member who is violent is expelled from the movement.

Although there was no violence during the removal of the tents, either by the Europeans or the Indians, two of the women of the passive resistance movement were slightly hurt when the pegs supporting the tent to which they were living fell with the collapse of the tent

The Passive Resistance Council reports that the present action was the first step in its campaign and that Durban, Natal and then the Transvaal would be engulfed in a gradually expanding mass movement designed to continue until the Act was repealed and the economy extended to the Indians.

Two Women Kicked When Camp Raided

The Indian passive resistance camp at the corner of Umbilo Road and Gale Street Durban was raided again on Monday night—for the second time in succession. A band of 30 young Europeans took part

They broke through a garden of about 50 Indians with linked arms, pulled down the tents and dragged them away torn, smashing some of the camp stretchers and removed several blankets and pillows.

Two women passive resisters were kicked in the scuffle it is believed accidentally as they were not seriously injured.

Although it appears that one or two blows were struck in individual members of the camp pain, such calm followed after the attack that the police who had stood by were unable to disperse the Europeans.

The South African Indian Congress has called a meeting of the Passive Resistance Council for tonight at which a decision will be taken as to what further action will be taken

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Giving [illegible] Mr H A Smith replied that the question of [illegible] and [illegible] violation of the Public Health Act. The Town Manager Mr A E Mallinson reports that an owner may rental inclusive of rates, has been assessed at £ 58 a month.

"In view of the political significance attaching to this unlawful occupation [illegible] proposes to take any further actions until I receive instructions," says Mr Mallinson.

Transvaal Indians To Join Campaign

The presidential of the Transvaal Indian Congress stated that the Joint Council in Pretoria [illegible] in the Transvaal and Natal was helping and [illegible] campaign. In this [illegible] and would shortly [illegible] leads on the [illegible] would begin.

He added that Hartal Day had been an unqualified success and reports reaching him from the country districts of the Transvaal indicated that with a few exceptions Indian shops were closed.

No action had been taken up to midday on Friday in dividing the 17 Indians who opened the passive resistance campaign by pitching up and occupying Stands in the Corporation land at the corner of Fifth Street and Umbilo Road.

The land is an area which, under the Asiatic Land and Indian Representation Act Indians may only occupy with the permission of the Land Tenure Board.

Major J M Keevy District Commandant of the South African Police said he was still awaiting instructions to be taken against the passive resisters.

He pointed out however, that the Act which they claimed to be contravening had not yet been enacted on the position of the land dwellers was still uncertain.

The *Daily News* understands, however that the passive resisters may also be breaking an old Natal Land Act under which they are liable to arrest as they remain [illegible] on land [illegible] which [illegible] has not taken any action either.

[illegible] will depend [illegible] what substantial [illegible] Indian people [illegible] under [illegible] Ing Dr Speer [illegible] dustries which [illegible] They may well [illegible] alternative to [illegible] Paradoxically [illegible] advantage [illegible] to [illegible] w [illegible] economic [illegible] industrial section [illegible] is being hindered [illegible] Department [illegible] by [illegible] European people [illegible] as much [illegible] passive resisters [illegible] employed by the [illegible] in the street with [illegible] picture on [illegible] some [illegible] Indians [illegible] publicity [illegible] powerfully [illegible] period of possible [illegible] into a more [illegible]

HARTAL

It would [illegible] for the European people of Natal to [illegible] the significance [illegible] Hartal which they observed [illegible] on Wednesday last. [illegible] the ceremony of declaring [illegible] and appeal [illegible] Whatever [illegible] how [illegible] not relate [illegible] danger [illegible] assuming its importance. The [illegible] to the height of political turmoil [illegible] in our Western [illegible] nothing that it strongly [illegible] with a realistic [illegible] of [illegible] Indians which [illegible] passive [illegible] Indians in the [illegible] are [illegible] with war [illegible] they [illegible] have appeal to make what [illegible] to the objective Western [illegible] attention to protests which [illegible] prospects of [illegible] peaceful [illegible] gar [illegible] Indians but also as [illegible]

Outside [illegible] this gesture of declaration [illegible] Day of Hartal and the campaign of passive [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] follow are a challenge, and are intended as a challenge, to the Government and the existing electorate in South Africa. These men this here are being heavily supported by [illegible] which [illegible] India and in other places where sympathy for Indian rights can be gained and whence it is hoped that pressure against the Union Government [illegible] be brought. But for the issue of the struggle is an internal South African affair and Natal is its principal focus. The challenge is one that cannot be ignored. It [illegible] be accepted in two ways. The first has been the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act which must be applied and administered equitably and equitably. We believe that the Act does give the Indian community a measure of advance in status and prospects. It is certain that large numbers of that community are not [illegible] of which [illegible] the many causes more than [illegible] will have [illegible] [illegible] this Parliament can only [illegible] success [illegible]

The Asiatic [illegible] on the basis of the European attitude [illegible] [illegible] may [illegible] [illegible]

ANSWER TO PASSIVISTS

It is [illegible] small groups of Europeans [illegible] already behaved [illegible] reasonability to [illegible] the [illegible] passive resistance [illegible] and [illegible] ed in [illegible] the Asiatic [illegible] arm. Such actions [illegible] small camp [illegible] town such [illegible] the issue and [illegible] and embarrassment [illegible] populace [illegible] and [illegible] the look of the [illegible] law and [illegible] [illegible] hole-an [illegible] contact of [illegible] the passive [illegible] its [illegible] [illegible] their aims [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] are abolished [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] new Asiatic [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] they are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] individual [illegible] [illegible] well supported [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

LETTER TO A EUROPEAN

Dear Friend!

I am [illegible] letter to you in the hope that you would read it with sympathy and consideration. Indians have been in South Africa over [illegible] and in the measure it [illegible] abilities, they have [illegible] to the prosperity and development of the Union. As a matter of fact they were asked to [illegible] to do so and [illegible] but not by force. They were [illegible] by the State to settle in South Africa and make [illegible] their home. While they have remained loyal to the ideals and traditions of their race, they have adjusted themselves to their local environment. They have adopted a western way of life. They have only one ambition to get together with the rest of the community for the welfare of the country at large.

The very [illegible] by some European [illegible] that if the so called Indian penetration was left unchallenged the whole of Natal would be in the hands of the Indian. What is the actual position? Of the 8 891 acres in the old Borough [illegible] in Natal are 361 acres. As you know there is a very acute housing problem in all [illegible]. This shortage is more marked, which we come down to the lower income group. Over 3 per cent of the Indians in South Africa fall in this group. What has our City Council done to alleviate the position? The Council's expenditure was [illegible] was £7/9/3 per head for European and £1/11 per head for the Indian population. You are aware of the neglected conditions of the Indian Areas as far as sanitary civic amenities are concerned.

It is suggested in some quarters that the presence of Indians in South Africa is a menace to the interest of the European. This [illegible] I leave it to [illegible]

[illegible]

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sident elect of Congress as it is the result of the talks with the Mission

The Mission reply to the ultimatum is recorded before today's meeting of the Working Committee and decide the outcome of the negotiations

Congress parties suggested that both Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru told the Viceroy that the Committee could not accept any proposal for parity and that settlement along that line was impossible —Sapa Reuter

INTERIM GOVERNMENT FORMED

An official statement issued by the British Cabinet Mission in India says the Viceroy is consulting with the Cabinet Mission has for some time been exploring the possibilities of forming a coalition government drawn from the two major parties and certain minor ones.

Discussions have revealed the difficulties which exist on the main parties in arriving at an agreed basis for the formation of such a government.

The Viceroy and the Mission appreciate these difficulties and efforts which in the two months made to meet them They consider however that no united purpose can be served by further prolongation of discussions If in fact it is really necessary that a strong representative interim government should be set up as soon as possible many heavy and urgent responsibilities that him to be carried through

The statement said the Viceroy had now decided to set up an interim government and Himself to govern ammunition of his intention to govern

The invitation to the Indian Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to lead the Nationalist Congress, Mr Jinnah president of the All India Muslim League Mr Liaquat Ali Khan secretary of the Muslim League Sir Sardar Nishtar Khan Chairman of the Executive Council in the Government of India Mr C. Rajagopalachari a prominent Congress leader and former Prime Minister of Madras Baldev Rajendra Prasad the former Hindu president of Himself a member of the Congress working committee, Mr Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Chief Congress party leader Dr. John Matthai a Bombay Christian and managing director of Tata Chemical Works Nawab Mohamad Ismail Khan a Muslim Congress representative and the Muslim League chief in the Bihar cabinet Mr. Syed Ali Zaheer Minister of Education Bengal Sardar Baldev Singh Akali Leader who is Minister of Defence in the Punjab and Sir Abdul Hamid Khan Khakar (Moslem) former Minister in the north west frontier province and a member of the League working committee.

After announcing the change, the statement said: If any of those invited are unable for personal reasons to accept the Viceroy will after consultation, invite some other person in his place. The Viceroy will arrange for the distribution of portfolios in consultation with the leaders of the two major parties.

The composition of the interim government is to on way is to be taken as a precedent for the decision on any other communal question. It is expedient put forward to solve the present difficulty only and in Britain the best available coalition government.

The Viceroy and the Cabinet Mission believe that the Indians of all communities desire to arrive at a speedy settlement of this matter so that the process of constitution making can go forward and that the Government of India may carry on as efficiently as possible in the meantime.

They therefore hope, that all parties, especially the two major parties, will accept the proposal so as to overcome the present difficulties and will co-operate for the successful carrying on of the interim government. Should this proposal be accepted the Viceroy will also be considering the new government on about June 2

In the event of the two major parties or either of them proving unwilling to join in the setting up of a coalition government on the above lines it is the intention of the Viceroy to proceed with the formation of a government with as small portfolios as possible of those willing to accept the statement of May 16

The Viceroy is also directing the dismissal of the assistance to common provincial legislatures as well as to work in progress with the elections necessary for the setting up of the constituent making machinery and put forward in the statement of May 16.

A separate official statement issued by the Viceroy stated tonight, with the announcement of the interim government in the text of a letter from the Viceroy to the presidents of the Indian National Congress and the Moslem League.

Thumya The Cabinet Ministers and I are fully aware of the difficulties that have prevented agreement on the composition of an interim government. We are unwilling to abandon our hope of a working partnership between the major parties and representatives of the minorities. We have, therefore, been out best to arrive at a practical arrangement taking into consideration various conflicting claims and the need for obtaining a government of capable and representative ministers. We hope the parties will now take their share in the administration of the country on the basis set out in our new statement

SAPA-REUTER NEWS

Support Assured

New Delhi, Saturday

The Indian National Congress assured passive resistors in South Africa of full sympathy A resolution by the Working Committee passed with acclamation and unanimity with concern that the passive resistance had opened against the recent legislation passed by the Union Assembly

"We are of the opinion that the campaign carried on by the people of Natal is based on the highest principles in which African is concerned an direct principles on the best of material progress" said the resolution

The committee expects that having begun the struggle the resistors will carry it to the end without yielding. We assure resistors of our full sympathy with their brave struggle and hope that those who are still in jail will regain their freedom in due course" it concluded The pamphlets contained in the legislation that is and in such small concessions that may be held out by the Un on Government

The labour strike neglected in Durban can be wiped out only on the complete abrogation of the legislation

We hope that while the Government of India remains in British power the Viceroy will use his influence openly on behalf of the brave resistors and that those for them that may qualify of the world in the noble struggle for the rights of man"

Struggle Against Injustice

Bombay Saturday

All India is with you to your right on the struggle against cruelty and injustice and will help to the utmost of her power said Sir Maharaja Singh a former Indian High Commissioner in the Union in a cable to Dr D M Natcher chairman of the Natal Indian Congress and leader of the passive resistance movement.

State Bank's Profit

Bombay Monday

The Reserve Bank—India's State Bank—has debarred all

We no more we can rely on you and your working committee to look to the wider interest to the urgent need of the country as a whole and to consider the proposal in the spirit of accommodation

The provisional government of 14 men now envisaged will be composed of five Congressmen five members of the Moslem League, one Indian Christian one Sikh and Depressed Class, and one Parsi.

In the earlier negotiations in 15-man interim government was envisaged comprising five representatives from Congress, five from the Moslem League, and two representatives of other groups —Sapa Reuter

European nationals of South Africa Union holding shares in sinking dividends from it as a mark of protest against the South African Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act.

To Negotiate With Viceroy

Bombay Monday

The Indian Princes today accepted the British proposals in India and called upon their colleagues to follow suit a meeting of the Chamber of Princes decided by the Indian Princes today accepted the British proposals in India and called upon their colleagues to follow suit a meeting of the Chamber of Princes decided by

Untouchables Dissatisfied

New Delhi Monday

Dr B R Ambedkar leader of untouchables who has been asked by the Viceroy to assemble representatives of all India sent a telegram to Mr Attlee the British Prime Minister protesting the formation of the interim government and the Cabinet Mission's intentions to set up a constituent assembly Dr Ambedkar protested that the all India interim government was envisaged comprising five representatives from Congress, five from the Moslem League, and two representatives of other groups —Sapa Reuter

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PANDIT NEHRU'S MESSAGE TO SOUTH AFRICAN INDIANS

[illegible] is now coming when [illegible] tyranny in every direction against race and discrimination [illegible] challenged. There can [illegible] information of it. Certainly [illegible] we do not intend to [illegible] to say why and we [illegible] same, to disturb our [illegible] mad beings [illegible] any indignity. It is [illegible] present moment we [illegible] enough as a na[illegible] explain put so and [illegible] I seem unkind and [illegible] guilty. But the [illegible] too, when we [illegible] enough] but [illegible] is strong enough [illegible] ing we should be [illegible] we rely any such [illegible] sum to this [illegible] We can [illegible] unless [illegible] we do not [illegible] the whole of Asia [illegible] mind with us [illegible] with them. There[illegible] not limit our [illegible] our national not [illegible] the broader form [illegible] and international. [illegible] an equal opportu[illegible] Indians to South [illegible] be careful not to [illegible] anything which goes [illegible] and the dignity [illegible] of our people. We can[illegible] anything in ourselves [illegible] and we ought to [illegible] to others. It is [illegible] difficult for any of us in India [illegible] in advise our country men in South Africa or to what they should do positively or [illegible] posture, for any positive action necessarily involves certain consequences and they are the best judges of both the nature and the consequences. They must remember that ultimately the rights of Indians all over the world will be safeguarded only by Indian independence. The real battle has to be fought in India though of the across time there may be many struggles elsewhere. We are engaged in this last battle of Indian independence but we do not forget our countrymen abroad and we shall help them to the best of our ability. The cause of Indians in South Africa has become a world issue. It is up to the Indians there themselves this last and to act worthily as the world stage which they occupy in this struggle. They have not only their own dignity and interests to safeguard but have the honour of India in their keeping. That is an high obligation. Let no man or woman or child who claims to be an Indian forget this privilege and obligation at any time. Let him remember that the day is coming when the strong men and the about heart of India will protect him and those wherever they might be.

[illegible] question of [illegible] united front of [illegible] inhabitants [illegible] minority. Few [illegible] impossible for [illegible] keep an intimate [illegible] Leaguer Neutrality [illegible] side of the Russian [illegible] might [illegible] to [illegible] moonlights. Collaboration [illegible] the West [illegible] have [illegible] suffice an Iron Curtain [illegible] social reforms [illegible] of the Imperial [illegible] Thai examples will [illegible] on the Bantus who will [illegible] team will [illegible] experience [illegible] tension for agitating [illegible] Deal [illegible] the proposed [illegible] must organise the Land Bill [illegible] pose must be sought by Imperial [illegible] from the African [illegible] against the oppressor. A peaceful protest may [illegible] locally [illegible] than the vexatious of Indian grassroots [illegible] lost UNO.—*Indian Express*

OBITUARY

We regret to have to record the death of the elder [illegible] of Messrs T N Lakhani and N N Lakhani which occurred on the 17 instant. The cremation ceremony took place the same day. We extend to them our deepest sympathy.

Thanks

Messrs T N Lakhani and N N Lakhani and family [illegible] relatives and friends for their numerous kind expressions of sympathy during their bereavement.

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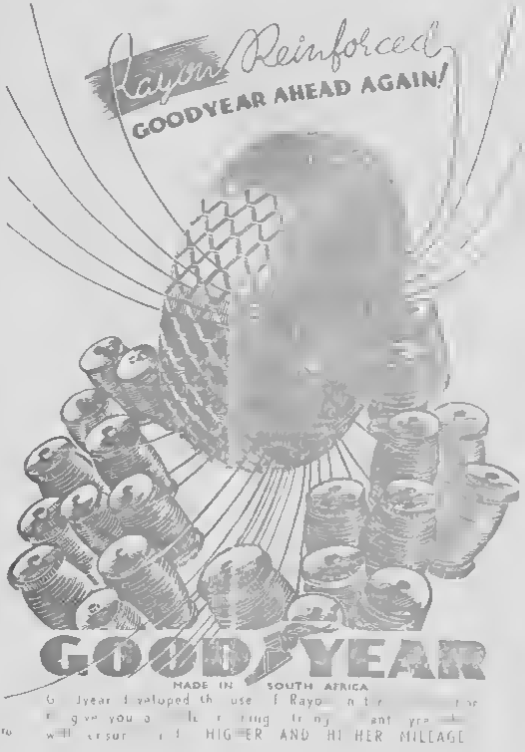
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Ethics Of Passive Resistance

PASSIVE RESISTANCE is not actually born in South Africa as it has forbidden reborn here. It has now in fifty years which has given it the history its ultimate that presently latter the morality way put in the forging of the soul and inspiring arms of to the strength of the soul of the powerful to the Father in Heaven. It results from which arise devotion to the ideal spirit and renunciation of the self to matter the personality of ambitions and worldly personalities. It may be recognised in which sometimes always appropriately called conversion. It is a closer identification of the Inner Man or Jesus with co-witnesses with the the higher self a spiritual in all human which called.

Since since men such as we more than a century ago of civil disobedience Satyagraha put Dharmab been applied him with numerous days and more and gained the above in India. It has claimed the world and both and the that has grown by and and all the fall reward of right to life by and the masters I came Hosea and Gandhiji to of our. The same.

Here all has hands, examples and life work by the three teaching principle for expelling are all and one is of evil which the basic freedom are and be party is refused. Neither will the conditions must be obeyed by any such of these visible and both Indian Non Indian Passive Resist. guided by gentleness his own civilians If we the side High sentences that he binds himself as a his white warden will to retain on record as all 3 rights. The distinction may be subtle, but it is nevertheless real

Is This Western Culture?

THE hooligan-like that was exhibited by European men and women at the new funeral Gate thrust into where groups of the Passive Resisters have lived amicable for the last fortnight is a sign of leadership that sets in before a civil minus good taste Malvian. If this is a part of the western culture that General Smuts would so be disturbed in South Africa and in particular with it passed the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act against the bitterest opposition of the Indian community in this country and the Indian Government then the European can keep the culture to themselves. The European Press in their reports of these daily occurrences of the unspirited to mind use the gravity by stating that the majority of the Europeans were school children. This we deny for we have it from the most unimpeachable authority that those who took part in the acts of hooliganism were adult European men and women and they were well organised. Even if they were school children in the first place it is no credit for parents to allow their children to be out of their house at that part of the night and in the second place the hooliganism that was displayed was a disgrace to the schools we think of.

It is intention of the Leaders Resisters in no sense. They occupy a piece of land which is owned by the Durban Municipality and which is situated in a no scheduled area and which according to the legislation can not be acquired or occupied by an Asiatic. The occupation of the land by the Passive Resisters who are all Asiatics is clearly a contravention of the law. The United Parliamentary committee in question describe the Asiatic as a person whose ancestral home is Asia. The law requires the Indian to look to India as his ancestral home while General Smuts and other Parliamentarians who resent the South African Indian pleading to India for help requires him to look to South Africa as his home. This is a way We are told to the of the Europeans in particular feeling Instead of arresting the new class hooliganism to invite an early trial for trespassing. The unlawful arrest of the Leaders and has been mainly the brutal attacks that have never have taken place while the Passive Resisters those who stood in the hood of the Europeans in assaults. It was that men and women were fully fallen the ground and shoved about by European gaping exempt with brutality out of the That much has been done During the period the Passive Resisters the spirit of non violence and calmness and remained all that much for Eastern men.

On Monday last the visitors of the Registration Act were applied Street the resisting Resisters and those were being charged and Dr Naicker Mr and Rev with the conscientious and the last instance those men it would be better to refrain from the Department of Justice intend taking the Passive Resistance Movement by means of the Riotous Assemblies Act which was used successfully to suppress the Indian agitations powerful Natal organisations in 19

Late News

While going to Press we learn that the Leader of the Passive Resistance movement Dr. G M Naicker has been sentenced to six months and Dr Y M Dadoo to three months imprisonment under the Riotous Assemblies Act.

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

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More Land To Be Invaded

Further Corporation owned or controlled areas of land to Durban are soon to be invaded by passive resisters the *Daily News* was informed by the secretary of the Indian Passive Resistance Council, Mr Dahl Singh. What lead is to be occupied and when was not indicated.

Referring to Wednesday night's incidents Mr Singh declared that it was within the power of the police to stop "this violence, which grew more aggressive every night. Members of the Passive Resistance Movement will do all they can to co-operate with the authorities. So far the resisters and the Indian community generally have behaved magnificently."

The District Commandant of Police, Major J H Keevy told the police do not want to take drastic steps but circumstances may force them to do so in order to protect people.

The youths who were detained by the police were released.

Mr Singh stated that they were assaulted three times and he showed numerous cuts and bruises.

Police Issue Ultimatum

On Thursday night the police issued an ultimatum to the Indians who have occupied Corporation land at the corner of Umbilo Road and Gale Street, that they must remove themselves or their presence was inciting the public to acts of violence.

The usual crowd of several hundreds gathered early in the evening.

At five o'clock the tent at the camp was pulled down by the passive resistance members. By seven o'clock a large crowd had formed—it was several deep. The crowd began to move forward and formed a very tight circle round the 15 Indian resistance members, five of whom were women. A police cordon, however, pushed the Europeans back until they were lined, more than 20 police of the S.A.P. force were on duty.

An effort was made by some youths to form themselves into a mob. The crowd started to disperse at about 10.30.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police (Natal, Lt-Col I C van Rooyen, was present during the evening.

An official appeal to Europeans not to interfere with the Indians as resistance tonight would spoil official policy in the situation, ever made.

Following the rowdyism and violence on Wednesday night Lt-Col I C van Rooyen and the Attorney-General for Natal Mr W J Mebane, K.C. came down from Maritzburg.

The following statement was issued by the Attorney-General:

"In regard to the passive resistance movement by the Indians at Durban, the police in consultation with myself have decided on a policy as the actions to be taken. The attitude of certain Europeans in causing considerable inconvenience and will prevent the policy decided on being put into effect.

"It is deemed unjust to the European section responsible to allow the police to handle this delicate question in their own way and refrain from taking recommended action. The actions of a section of the community during the last few evenings has, far from assisting the police to keep law and order, actually caused considerable increase in unrest.

"If the actions of this section of the community continue, the police will be forced to depart from the policy hitherto decided on and perhaps to take action which otherwise might be avoided.

"The police will not hesitate to prosecute any European who is found to be committing any acts of public violence in any acts of incitement to such public violence.

"In the general public will know the matter alone and let the police handle it, it will be much easier to settle. The more the public interferes, the more difficult it becomes for the authorities."

The Mayor of Durban, Senator S J Smith, in a statement to the Press has requested Europeans to refrain from continuing acts which would embarrass the authorities. The statement reads:

"During the passive resistance campaign which has been launched by the Indians a difficult position has arisen and the Europeans owe it to the Government and to the fair names of the city that they should regularly refrain from embarrassing the authorities whose unenviable task it is to cope with the passive resistance movement.

"The Europeans who congregate at the passive resisters camps and provoke disorder are not helping the Government or the city authorities they helping to break the passive resistance movement—they are helping it to spread.

"I appeal to all citizens, both Europeans and non-Europeans, to keep away from the passive resisters camps in Gale Street."

A small group of European men still remained at the end of the time limit for the expiration of the period of notice to quit, mainly as attacking members of the Indian passive resistance group.

Resisters Arrested And Assaulted By Hooligans

On Monday night it is alleged that all the occupants of a certain piece of land by a small band of coloured Indian volunteers including women in so-called European attire as a mark of symbolic protest against the Group Areas Act, was once more made violence and was assaulted and more savagery by the hooligans of white civilisation in South Africa than on any previous night.

The gallant band of 10 volunteers who remained in camp throughout Sunday night remained and taken away by the police on Sunday night about 5 p.m. At 7 p.m another batch *led by* Miss Jaisuth Awad the medical student from Johannesburg went and occupied the camp. Other members of this group were Mrs. J Bhatha also of Johannesburg, Poonsamy Perumal, Miss Singh and C S Govendasamy Naidoo. They were accompanied by the Reverend Michael Scott of Johannesburg clergyman who has come down to Durban to form a committee of European sympathisers. When released after being charged with the rest for trespassing, the Reverend made the following statement to us "On the 23rd June 1946 at 7 p.m. we proceeded to the Resistance Camp. The Indian Passive Resisters were making a peaceful peaceful protest against the legislation which they had had no part in framing when a crowd of about twenty-five young men and one or two women charged, shouting "Gooks Out." We don't want the—Coolie here" and began punching the passive resisters and kicking them after they had fallen down. I tried to reason with the crowd but it was of no avail.

The passive resisters made no attempt at retaliation. The two Indian girls were both struck—though not seriously injured. They were very brave and well-mannered and incited to the European who had assaulted them no antipathy.

I am obliged to apologise to the passive resisters for the conduct of some of my people. None of those who resisted to violence were arrested but as we were driven away to the police we had

the crowds began singing "[illegible] perary."

Miss Aaval leader of the group reported as follows to the Passive Resistance Council on the above incident: "The behaviour of these Europeans, who claimed to be a civilised people, is shocking. They swooped down upon the men in the van, women like a pack of mad dogs, and, knowing full well that we would make no attempt to retaliate, assaulted us brutally.

The attitude of these women took was astounding. They were extremely vicious and they urged their men to greater violence especially against us women. Had we shall carry on. Nothing will daunt us.

Immediately news of the arrest of the group was received that a mob had gathered at the camp. Selcc, however, they could be assaulted by the mob of Europeans they were armed and taken away in a police van.

At 10.35 p.m. a group led by Mr J Joshi and consisting of Govindsamy Chetty, Poonamy Bubby and B Chetty went and met the resistance camp. A large crowd of Europeans was waiting impatiently for the arrival. The following is a statement made by Mr J Joshi who led this group:—

"We arrived at the camp at about 10.40 p.m. We found there were the only men who were actually on the camp site. About twenty-five Indian women, parents who accompanied us stood on the Gale Street side at the camp. A few minutes [illegible] a European constable (N [illegible]) approached me and told me that it was a public road and that [illegible] and [illegible] that we were causing a nuisance and that unless we left we would be arrested. I told him that we knew it was a public road and that was the reason why we were there. I told him that we were causing no nuisance to anybody and that we were there to oppose the Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act. Any two Europeans, women and a man then walked onto the pavement and spoke to him in a language we could not understand. Just the time was a signal as time [illegible] a mob of European people including men and women, ran towards us and towards the Indians who were standing on the edge of Gale Street. We received kicks and blows from all quarters. Our women suffered Mrs. Dada was [illegible] and we have no time to [illegible] around her to protect her from further assault. Just then I received a terrible kick on my left temple and had eye which must have knocked me unconscious on the spot. I remember anything further I regained consciousness in the way to King [illegible] Hospital in the ambulance. I saw my fellow volunteers [illegible] and Mrs Dada [illegible] conscious."

Another is a signed statement of [illegible] made to us by men who were on the scene when a police ambulance which passed on the spot and was signalled to stop drove on with out attending to the resisters who were lying unconscious in in the gutter. The following is the full copy of the statement which is signed by Messrs R Lutchman George Singh, L Ramsamy, A K M Docrat, J V Khindi, K G Pillay and R M Naidoo —

"After the savage attack by the European mob on the resistors and on those other Indians who were present at the camp on Sunday night the 23rd June at about 10.45 p.m. we shifted down the Street (Gale Street) and waited for news of the condition of the resistors. We spotted and ambulance pulling up at the camp within three or four minutes of the attack and as it came down Gale Street towards us, we signalled for it to stop. Then did. There was the driver and his companion both in Municipal uniform. We asked them whether they had been to the Resisters who were ruthlessly assaulted and they replied to the effect that the resistors were not hurt save one man who was suffering from a bleeding nose. We asked if that had been attended to and they said that does not require attention. We were seriously perturbed about the resistors but the Indians men were told that they were not hurt and that no attention they have drive off. A few minutes later we were informed by passing men on all that the resistors were lying on the street unconscious.

We feel that the ambulance men have been guilty of gross negligence in leaving the resistors alone, part culerly after they had been the victims of a brutal assault. It was their duty to have given attention to the resistors. In any case they should have come at the correct information.

The issue at the whole thing is that the gallant batch of passive resistors who were victims of unprovoked and cowardly attack brutally injured at home and the other in hospital are to be charged with inciting to violence while the mob and who had threw up bars and have been charged for the murderous attack on the passive resistors on the premises.

From all accounts received from our own volunteers as well as other impartial sources the scene at the passive resistance camp, where [illegible] Europeans attacked the resistors presented the spectacle of a world where blood thirsty hordes would set atop at anything. One of the victims Mrs. Docrat is lying in bed in a serious condition and another Balarie Gordhan is still in hospital. The batch of volunteers led by Dr Naicker and Mr M D Naidoo has now been arrested for the fourth time. Other batches have been arrested for two and three times already and charged with the same offence—trespassing.

After being locked up in the detention cell at the charge office Dr Naicker's batch was released at 5 a.m. Others were released a little earlier. All of them were brought before the Court and remanded to 1st July.

Unchecked by such acts of violence a band of citizens among whose victims of last night's assault and those who have already been charged for three and four times have gone and occupied resistance camp again this morning. No amount of violence will deter us in our determination to continue our struggle.

The statement handed in by Dr Naicker which was not included in the record read as follows:

"I plead guilty to the charge with which I am faced this morning and asked the Court to impose the maximum sentence possible, for I shall consider it a privilege to undergo the full rigors of the law in the vindication of the rights of my people.

"How self-abnegation and inhuman the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act of 1946 is no one is affected by that but an Government has chosen to avoid the real issue and instead fix upon me with contraventing it of the measure to which I am opposed. I have chosen a weak point there and to day I propose to commit an unlimited law, 72 years old.

My conception of the land has been the result I claim, deliberate thought and whilst this Court is bound to pass on me, a maximum which I shall readily accept, I am subject to a law which will be judged by the last of world opinion to the supreme duty which to-day dares to mutilate the principles of the U N O Charter There will be no peace in the world unless the conscience of humanity is aroused to the realisation that it cannot for one hour remain indifferent to such injustices against a people who one hand more than and violence and victims of the canker of racial prejudice."

Yesterday a meeting of two women held at Avalon bioscope placed fullest support to the passive resistance struggle and collected [illegible] meeting [illegible] loud. Lat[illegible] was in progress sympathetic cheque [illegible] him [illegible]

At a meeting held in Square on Monday [illegible] 10,000 Indians [illegible] the resolve to carry struggle despite [illegible] ruthless [illegible] this meeting had [illegible] the City Council [illegible] day.

All the gallant but [illegible] who have been [illegible] fit of the Resistance [illegible] ever not in [illegible] were present [illegible] Naicker and Dr [illegible] Mr [illegible] Naidoo addressed meeting. Dr [illegible] M [illegible] of the Passive [illegible] movement to the To[illegible] the course of him [illegible] gallant band of resis[illegible] been subjected to [illegible] by members of the [illegible] aims to be[illegible] fight [illegible] civilisation in Africa [illegible] These ruthless attacks [illegible] peace make upon [illegible] they know are pit[illegible] resistors put in chains [illegible] of Nazi Germany [illegible] more on fans he [illegible] people of India the [illegible] these remarks we will [illegible] the struggle [illegible] non-violent line. [illegible] passing to the Government [illegible] this country? If [illegible] rule were to be [illegible] section of the [illegible] mainly there would [illegible] tremendous [illegible] very little [illegible] keeping the Indian [illegible] a defenceless and [illegible] taken.

Dr Dadoo was [illegible] people that even [illegible] violence on their [illegible] play into the hands [illegible] forces and wreck [illegible]

The Rev Michael [illegible] soldiers and Indian [illegible] magnificently to [illegible] been misbranded [illegible] country and for [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] fanaticism [illegible] [illegible] are many of us [illegible] prepared to stand by [illegible] main death.

Immediately after [illegible] a large crowd moved [illegible] 47 passive resisters [illegible] left for the Resistance [illegible] whose a large police force [illegible] waiting.

At 4.30 p.m. Mr [illegible] District Commander [illegible] through a loud speaker [illegible] mobile police van made a [illegible] announcement from the Riot Minister of Justice, Pretoria. In the name of the Mayor he [illegible]

Transvaal [illegible] any publicity [illegible] all [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] unlawful [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] my [illegible]

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NEHRU'S VISIT TO KASHMIR

Object Of Visit

New Delhi Wednesday

A serious clash between Pandit Nehru the proud but independent of the powerful Indian National Congress and the autocratic ruling of Kashmir appears possible in connection with Pandit Nehru's proposed visit to Srinagar to intervene in the internal affairs of the state.

Pandit Nehru's principle of democratic rule in the Punjab and Kashmir is the opposite to that which has been followed by the Maharaja of Kashmir. A report from Srinagar however still that the government intends to ban the entry into the state and re-impose a three years ban which has been until it will meet with which it will meet

The object of the visit to Srinagar is the election of Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah the Kashmir tan [illegible] advocate who is [illegible] in gaol leading an agitation for the abolition of the ruling Maharajah

To Submit Report

The Government of India has asked the government of the Indian state of Kashmir to make the fullest possible inquiries and to submit a report on the alleged communist activities behind the current agitations for the abolition of the ruling house of Kashmir. The report follows articles in the English weekly newspaper *Kashmir Times* published in Srinagar the state capital mentioning a regular spy ring in Kashmir

Nehru Arrested

Srinagar Thursday

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was arrested this morning at Domel while defying the state ban on his entry into Kashmir

No Decision While Nehru Is Away

New Delhi Friday

With Pandit Nehru under arrest at Domel in Kashmir and with Moslem and Congress different sets of representatives in the proposed interim government announced both the Congress and Moslem working committees have adjourned indefinitely leaving the constitutional negotiations bogged down to a stalemate.

The Congress working committee has decided to avoid taking any decision while Pandit Nehru is away although he had telegraphed Dr Azad to continue without him

The Moslem committee announced that it will meet for an advance notice of [illegible] tribe but of portfolios [illegible] interim government [illegible] been sent

The Indian Minister of Kashmir said last night that the Kashmir authorities were anxious [illegible] giving the impression that [illegible] were inviting Pandit Nehru to [illegible] state's future especially [illegible] pressure ideologies [illegible] especial that the Kashmir [illegible] the world regard the [illegible] British in the whole [illegible] an

The Prime Minister of Kashmir Rammichen [illegible] was asked where Pandit Nehru [illegible] be taken replied that [illegible] this [illegible] now I will [illegible] you later

Congress Protest Against Nehru's Arrest

Bombay Friday

Local Congress circles said [illegible] in a [illegible] of sympathetic strikes from work in the cotton mills [illegible] as a protest against the arrest [illegible] Pandit Nehru and [illegible] 100 mill workers did [illegible] for the work

The millowners feared that [illegible] of the strikers to stay away in the hope [illegible] and it is expected that [illegible] stoppage will soon be [illegible] to [illegible] mill Hindu legal workers only almost all workers in [illegible] mills had surrendered their [illegible] strikers [illegible] at the buildings

Calls for [illegible] have been made in several of the Indian towns and all markets in Karachi Calcutta and Madras were closed

Taken To Secret Place

New Delhi Friday

Pandit Nehru is reported to have been taken to a secret [illegible] Sonamarg where [illegible] arrest were [illegible] him at Domel a telegram [illegible] where he was being held [illegible] while the situation is serious that the Congress party working committee has [illegible] to a special resolution [illegible] the matter It will have [illegible] showed that [illegible] throughout the entire [illegible] followed until [illegible] grave misgivings are [illegible] from various centres [illegible] leader The most serious [illegible] gone on strike [illegible] of the largest textile [illegible] has called a [illegible] to [illegible] Statement of [illegible] Nehru [illegible] like to see [illegible] will New Delhi [illegible] He had been [illegible] at [illegible] a details

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Expected In Delhi

It was in Saturday [illegible] arrived at [illegible] at Rawalpindi tonight [illegible] where he had been [illegible] Kashmir on the [illegible] to New [illegible] crow morning

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The page 3 Congress did not measure the individual reputation of the members of the Mission as men of conviction and expressed the hope that the Moslem League Working Committee would once again consider the pros and cons dispassionately.

Disapproval Of Proposal

New Delhi Wednesday.

It is understood that the Congress Party has decided to accept the British Cabinet Mission's long term and short term proposals.

The Congress Party's Working Committee is expected to pass a resolution to this effect and it is thought that the resolution will express the Party's disapproval of certain aspects of the long term proposals and disagreement with certain of the provisions of an interim government in India.

Talks Resumed

The working committee of the Indian Congress party has rejected the British Cabinet Mission's proposals for an interim Government, says Reuter.

A brief letter conveying the committee's decision was sent to the Viceroy Lord Wavell. A meeting will be held today at which a decision is expected to be taken.

Pandit Nehru, president designate of Congress, met Sir Stafford Cripps to discuss the Mission's long term proposals for India's new constitution.

The Moslem League has already announced its acceptance of the long term plan.

United Press says that the talks between the Indian leaders and members of the British Cabinet mission on the question of India's independence were resumed unexpectedly. Dr Azad, president of Congress said "A fresh development has taken place necessitating the continuance of the Congress working committee's meeting.

Dr Azad's statement followed a conference between Mahatma Gandhi, Mr Vallabhbhai Patel and two members of the Cabinet mission. Reuter says that if agreement on the long term proposals is reached by the Congress working committee, it is suggested that the interim proposals, with all the correspondence and other records that have grown round them, be scrapped and the negotiations for the interim Government taken up again from the start.

Gandhi's Statement

Mahatma Gandhi in a statement in New Delhi last night quoted a telegram from Azad which drew attention to the fact that under the rules as at present the Viceroy's advisers could stand as candidates for the interim government unless he signed a declaration that he would abide by clause 1 of the British statement of May 16. The clause referred to the grouping of the provinces. Gandhi said there was no legal penalty behind the declaration but the undertaking would be morally binding. I still cling to the hope that it is only an error and will soon be rectified, he added.

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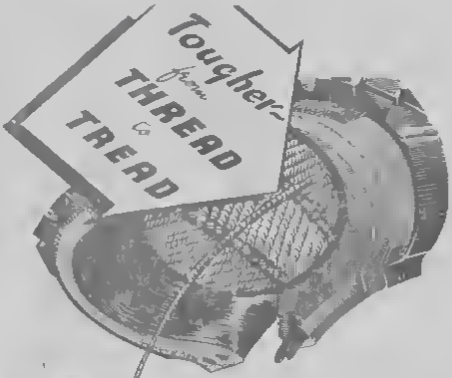
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DURING our stay [illegible] progress and also

MODERATE EUROPEANS CONDEMN ACT

The following letter has been addressed to the *Natal Daily News* by a moderate European group:

We believe it is essential that moderate European opinion should speak plainly on the issues involved in the acceptance by South African of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act.

(a) The Act is unjust and discriminatory in nature and is definitely a violation of the undertaking with the Indian Government on the basis of which Natal representatives were invited to participate in the Round Table Conference of 1932 and the Cape Town Agreement of 1927.

(b) We feel it is our duty to call attention to the fact that the passage of this Act will have a very serious effect on the relations between the Union and India and will prevent that friendly co-operation in the British Commonwealth of Nations which is so necessary to maintain peace and progress in the world today.

(c) We feel that it ought to be recognised that international opinion is hardening towards South Africa because of her racial intolerance.

Finally, we appeal to all who realise the gravity of the present situation to get in touch with the secretary of the European group which is in process of forming in Durban (P.O. Box 2581, Durban) to give their help in laying the foundations of a constructive solution to it.

Mr Maulai Gandhi Sails For South Africa

Mr Maulai Gandhi, son of Mahatma Gandhi, left Bombay for South Africa on Thursday, June 27. After a 16 months visit to India Mr Gandhi said he was returning feeling hopeful of the future of South Africa.

LARGEST GROUP OF RESISTERS ARRE

60 Resisters Arrested

THE largest group of passive resisters was arrested by the police at 1.30 on Wednesday night. The leader of the group was Dr G M Naicker who has already been sentenced in the Riotous Assemblies Act to seven days' imprisonment with hard labour suspended for three months on condition of not being convicted of a similar offence during that time. He had also been arrested three times for trespassing.

Of the 60 Indians who committed the group 25 had been arrested previously and the other half were in school for the first time.

The band was formed at seven o'clock and set down at a spot some 200 yards from the camp in Gale Street. They marched along the road in an orderly manner behind Dr Naicker.

Two or three men with their wives and children remained behind. When the police arrived some left and also

Major J M Kemp District Commandant approached the gathering and asked Dr Naicker if he and the rest were aware that they were trespassing and also if they knew that the Riotous Assemblies Act warning had been read. Having again read the notice to the Chief Magistrate of Durban Mr H Harold Major Kemp said he would give them two minutes to disperse and when they remained he called upon the police to arrest them. They were removed in police vans.

Until the arrival of the vans the police kept the crowd back and a police officer read the notice to them. They were subsequently removed in police vans.

After the group had assembled on the Depot Road the Major was seen in an altercation of some sort with Dr Naicker and Mr Monty Naicker. The next day at the 50 resisters were all in workers.

43 Arrests On Thursday

Another leader of the Indian passive resistance movement Mr M D Naicker was sentenced on Friday to six months' hard imprisonment with hard labour. He was found guilty by Mr L I Cohen in Durban Magistrate of contravening the Riotous Assemblies Act on June 7.

A suspended sentence of seven days' imprisonment with hard labour over previous convictions on June 24 in Indian Affairs was put into operation.

The contempt was recorded with Indians when Mr Naicker pleads guilty.

Captain J D Jordaan South African Police Durban said that at 10 p.m. on June 27 he found 43 Indians men gathered on a piece of land about 140 yards from the intersection of Gale Street and Umbilo Road.

When asked what they were doing there, said Captain Jordaan Mr Naicker stepped forward and said he was the leader of the party and that they were occupying the land in defiance of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act.

After reading the order prohibiting gatherings in this area, he gave the Indians two minutes to disperse. They failed to do so and they were arrested.

Naicker Was there anything in my behaviour that led you to believe I would resort to violence?—No.

Naicker You knew I was a passive resister and had occupied the land in defiance of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act?—Yes.

In finding Mr Naicker guilty the Magistrate said there were other ways of appealing the Act.

Three groups consisting respectively of 14, 15 and 42 Indian passive resisters appeared before the Magistrate. On the application of the Prosecutor Mr H P Hodgson they were remanded till July 1 on their own recognisances.

56 Arrested On Friday

Two groups of passive resisters totalling in all 56 and including a number of women were arrested by the police on Friday night. Dr Yusuf A. Cassim who led the first batch of 47 which arrived at nine o'clock was arrested last week and was out on bail pending his appeal against a sentence of three months' hard labour suspended on condition he did not commit the same offence during a period of three months.

Within the group were 12 women. Several of the Indians had appeared a Court earlier in the day charged with trespassing.

Captain J D Jordaan after reading the Riotous Assemblies Act called upon the police to arrest the members of the batch and they were removed in the central charge office in police vans.

A quarter of an hour later a second group of passive resisters said to be composed of ex-service men arrived with the leader and they were Mr J M Pirosha. They were arrested by the police for trespassing and returned to Stella police station. They were released on Friday night and warned to appear in Court the next morning.

Mr Pirosha, who is a member of the committee of the Natal Indian Congress, said that he had been a sergeant in the Indian Pioneer Corps. Among his fellow-resisters, he said, were two ex-prisoners of war.

Shortly after the arrival of the first group, Gale Street which had previously been deserted but for single cars passing by gradually became crowded with a steady stream of vehicles, from which the Indians shouted "We shall resist."

During the evening the Rev Michael Scott was seen to approach the first group of passive resisters but he left a few minutes later.

Drs Naicker And Dadoo Sent To Gaol

Two leaders of the Passive Resistance movement were each sentenced on 24th June to terms of imprisonment with hard labour when they appeared before Mr L I Cohen in the Durban Magistrate's Court.

Dr G M Naicker who admitted a previous offence, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour. A suspended sentence of seven days' imprisonment with hard labour was put into operation.

The courtroom was crowded with Indians when Dr Dadoo and 45 other Indians appeared charged under the Riotous Assemblies Act on June 7.

The Prosecutor Mr T G Hartley said that in the case of the 45 other Indians he was withdrawing the charge under the Riotous Assemblies Act and substituting a charge of trespass.

He the Prosecutor's application the Magistrate remanded all the accused on their own recognisances.

The case in which Dr Dadoo was charged with contravening the Riotous Assemblies Act was then taken.

Major J M Kemp District Commandant Durban told the court that at 11 p.m. on June 7 he found Dr Dadoo and other Indians men gathered together on an open space. He then read the notice prohibiting gatherings and ordered the crowd to disperse. The Indians did not do so. He then ordered their arrest.

In finding Dr Dadoo guilty Mr Cohen said the Court had had considerable controversy but the first requirement of democracy was good citizenship which satisfied obedience to the laws of the country.

The authorities had tried to prevent trouble by ordering the band to go and also the Indians to keep away from the place. Instead they had followed the band and gathered in large numbers.

Dr Dadoo said that it was his duty as it was his duty to advise his people to defy the law. He had always pointed out that it was the only way for the Africans.

101 Arrested In Week

Fifty-one Indians were arrested on Saturday night in connection with the Indian Resistance Movement in Durban. Among them were Indian women.

The total number arrested during the week was 101.

Resistance meetings were held on Saturday night in the Indian Market Road and Grey Street.

The police were in charge of the arrests.

Among those arrested were Dr G M Naicker, president of the Natal Indian Congress, Dr Dadoo, secretary of the Transvaal Indian Congress, Mr Monty Naicker, Mr Pirosha and Mr Kajee.

50 Arrested

They were kept in the open while the police were making arrangements. Children were also arrested with their parents.

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Fines [illegible] passive resisters who appeared before Mr L I Cohen in the Durban Magistrate's Court yesterday for trespassing on Indian Affairs property.

The Indians concerned were fined £5 or they could have the option of seven days' imprisonment with hard labour.

Those who were unable to pay the fine were arrested and taken to the Durban Magistrate's Court.

Among those arrested were Dr G M Naicker, president of the Natal Indian Congress, Dr Dadoo, secretary of the Transvaal Indian Congress, Mr Monty Naicker, Mr Pirosha and Mr Kajee.

shagam at Pompen. They all pleaded guilty and the majority had nothing to say.

When one group of resisters was being dealt with one of the Indian ones, Narsi Shamu,

Mr Cohen: Wipe that person behind him forward.

When a man came forward Mr Cohen said: Come on, come! Do he stay now. Come forward and take your punishment. The Magistrate added that the trouble with the whole movement was that it was just a lot of talk. They like just leave the outrage to come forward when called upon to do so.

One of the accused R Q Pillay said I wish to tell the Court that I have only £5 and my clothes. I have no other property. Mr Cohen replied that if the fine was not only £5, the Asiatic will am affect him one iota. With such an amount he could say to any European resister that he had got nothing to lose. Prospects. He showed about fighting for his country. He didn't know what he was talking about. He did not seem to understand that only the wealthy of them need affect to buy. His passport did and put his called down because he could see that he was being fined down by the Europeans.

As fifteen women resisters told the Court that the only property they possessed was their five children. The Magistrate's reply was inaudible.

When a woman resister asked for a term of imprisonment in default of fine Mr Cohen told her to be patient. People, he said, did not always receive what they demanded. If it took some to imprisonment, you will see that it did not come to you.

Mr Sorabjee Sentenced To Three Months

Mr Sorabjee Rustomji, who recently led a deputation of South African Indians to India in connection with the new Asiatic legislation was sentenced to three months imprisonment by Mr I Cohen in the Durban Magistrate's Court on 2nd inst. Mr Rustom pleaded guilty to a charge of contravening the Riotous Assembly Act. He thus has a criminal record under Smuts.

When the sentence was pronounced Mr Rustomjee raised his right hand and shouted "Long live Mahatma Gandhi and passive resistance."

Giving evidence, Head Constable Bailey said that about 9 o'clock on June 5 he heard a gathering of 40 to 50 men and women on the Grand Canyon and he and Mr Rustomjee was present.

He asked the leader of the party to disperse but he was prohibited in that vicinity. They replied that they did. He then read the Riot Magistrate's order. They did not move, so he had them arrested. He was informed that there was no leader.

In reply to Mr Rustomjee, Head Constable Bailey said some mentioned that leaders were in gaol.

Sergt. G Vorster said about 3.45 p.m. on June 5 a procession of Indians led by two leading women marched to Cope rested land. Mr Rustomjee and another Indian were immediately behind the women.

Det. Sergt G F Lalimar said that about 3.30 p.m. on June 5 he was on duty at Nicholson's Siding, where a meeting of Indians was held. Mr Rustomjee who was present was introduced to the gathering as "our great leader who will lead to-night.

Mr Rustomjee: Didn't I say our leaders, Dr Naicker and Dr Dadoo were in gaol—Yes.

Didn't I say I was a humble follower?—Yes.

Pending Rustomjee guilty Mr Cohen said anyone who gathered there was contravening the Act.

Mr Rustomjee replied that the rank and file should receive the same punishment. That was why he was there at all—to be followers.

Mr R A Pillay also had to make a similar charge and was sentenced to three months imprisonment.

Situation Becoming Grave

Mahatma Gandhi speaking at a prayer gathering in Delhi on Wednesday night said the situation in South Africa was becoming grave.

"Government regret me as a nursing worse and worse. But it, however, part of the fight. A passive resister knows how to suffer and welcome the penalty in jail.

Gandhiji referred to the unity and conviction of Mr Rustomjee who, he said was a "wolf" in a very humble fellow who was known for bravery and resistance.

Paying tribute to the Rt Mr Sorabjee's Christian conscientious against the iniquity of Asiatic legislation, Gandhiji said it was small thing for a man to stand in jail in the interests of the coloured people of South Africa.

GANDHIJI CRITICISES HOOLIGANISM

"It is not because of the laws of Apartheid that the White South Africans are making it difficult for them to attain their rights in India. It is because of the treatment they are receiving at the hands of the Indians in South Africa. The most ignorant Indian knows that the Europeans in South Africa are the masters of their own destiny. They are not to be dictated to by the Government of India. They have their own Parliament and their own Government. They are responsible to their own people. Therefore, the Indians in South Africa have to deal with the Europeans in South Africa. They have to convince the Europeans in South Africa that the Indians in South Africa are not to be treated as slaves, that they are entitled to the same rights as the Europeans in South Africa. That is the only way in which they can hope to win the sympathy of the Europeans in South Africa

RESISTERS' STATEMENTS TO COURT

Dr Naicker

In a statement to the Court Naicker said he had occupied the land in defiance of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act.

We have tried all lawful and constitutional means of having our demands heard but we have failed.

There is a higher court that will judge my actions. As long as I am free and physically able I will defy any law that is tantamount and takes away the elementary rights of any person. I am concluded

Dr Dadoo

In a statement to the Court Dr Dadoo said —

Although I am pleading guilty against the charge I desire to make a statement to the Court in order to clarify the situation and explain my actions. I appear before the Court not as a passive resister in response to the decision of the Natal Indian Congress which totally opposes the Asiatic Land Tenure Act and is resolved to carry out a passive resistance struggle against the Act. In this struggle the Natal Indian people are playing a glorious part. The leaders of the Natal Indian Congress have been arrested and imprisoned but the struggle has not ceased. Hundreds of Indians have taken up the challenge and are courting imprisonment by occupying land in defiance of the Act. Indeed since the struggle started [illegible] Indians have been arrested and imprisoned for defying the Act.

I am charged with the colossal crime of occupying land in defiance of the Act. I am not ashamed of the fact that I have committed this crime. I am proud that I have had the honour to lead my people in this struggle against the Act. I am proud that I have had the honour to lead my people in this struggle against the Act. I am proud that I have had the honour to lead my people in this struggle against the Act

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If [illegible] both of the new [illegible] minister I stand [illegible] to the Asiatic [illegible] and Indian Representation Act. I shall continue [illegible] will all the strength of [illegible] that my constituents [illegible]

My pledge [illegible] that [illegible] to carry on [illegible] and [illegible] to preserve [illegible] and ready and [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Support For Resisters

... in Transvaal ... South African ... Tuesday in sympathy with ... ... resisters movement. ... Local Indians Association ... a message to General Smuts ... lodging against the recent ... legislation in the Union.

To Quit India

Fifty South African and European ... living within ... limits of the civil and ... military station areas at Bangalore (South India) will be asked to leave because of measures by the South African Government on ... Indians in South Africa. ... legislation to ... silent was ...

... meeting of the ... Natal Witness ... Special Correspondent

Train Stopped By Saulsbies

... special train in which Gandhiji was travelling from ... Bombay was stopped at ... ... on Tuesday night. He ... to Bombay by motor-car to the ... ... Poona. The engine was slightly damaged and the train was ... hour late at Poona. The Bombay Government has started an inquiry into the incident.

European Boycott Indians

A request to the Government to cancel all trade licences within three months of view of the boycott India is applying to the Union was made to a resolution passed at Lydenburg at a meeting attended by large numbers of local residents and farmers from all parts of the district. All present pledged themselves not to deal with Indians traders in the future and a central committee was appointed to lead the boycott against the Indians was elected.

Death Of Mrs. C. K. I. Naidoo

The death of Mrs C K I Naidoo a prominent lady passed ... during the time of Mr Indians ... heartfelt tooth glass at the Coronation Hospital on June 18 where she was undergoing treatment for a fractured hip bone which occurred when she fell from the tram. The funeral took place on June 20 at her residence 160 Rookey Street and her remains were cremated at the Brixton Hindoo Crematorium Johannesburg. To mourn her death she leaves behind her two sons and one daughter. Numerous floral wreaths and floral tributes were sent by various organisations and sympathisers. The message of condolence which was sent by Miss Sushaila private secretary to Mahatma Gandhi while he was in South Africa reads as follows:—"Mourn with you passing noble and heroic soul whose beautiful life was an inspiration to all who were privileged to know her May her soul rest in peace

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Death Of Krutaswamy Pillay

On Monday afternoon hundreds of Indians marched quietly, four deep to the Queen Street Indian Country behind the body of Krutaswamy Pillay the 30 year-old Indian police constable who died in King Edward VIII Hospital on Sunday afternoon from wounds he received when assaulted on the night of June 21

Although the police records say that Pillay was supposed to be on duty nearly two miles away of the time and that he was wearing a police greatcoat the Passive Resistance Council claim him as their first martyr.

Before the funeral Mr Dabi Sibisi acting president of the Passive Resistance Council addressed the meeting at Sibisi Square He said the police had pressed Pillay a family friend bringing him to Sibisi Square, and he asked his audience to join in financial procession at a certain street.

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ASIATIC ADVISORY BOARD

THE newly constituted Asiatic Land Advisory Board met in Maritzburg on May by when the ... basis was welcomed by the Minister of the Interior Senator D L Smit.

It was ... that the head ... of the organisation would be in Maritzburg. Although the ... work for the Board ... would be associated with Durban ... of general ... the areas dealt ... Natal ... Already many appli... which ... been received and would ... with next week when Mr ... will visit ... was absent yesterday on account of illness ... appointed ... be available.

Monday morning the Board ... with the Minister the procedure to be adopted to carry out the functions of the law. The Board is also considering the ... lure ... be adopted with ... objections for ... of the areas contained in the schedule.

Senator Clarkson in welcoming the members of the Board, said that the chairman Mr W A. Cluver K C was a former Attorney General and Provincial ... so that he knew the Indian position as an official and he would administer it as he were acting in capacity as judge. Dr D S van ... Mr Mawe was specially selected because of his knowledge of the Indian position in the Transvaal He had been a member of the Indian Land Tenure Commission over ... the Feetham Commission was appointed. The third member of the commission Mr R.C. ... Hassell was selected because he had not, in any way taken part in the controversy on the Indian question

"These are two accolades to be filled by the Indian Congress, said Senator Clarkson But Natal and Transvaal have both declined to submit names for the panel. However we are going to wait to see if other views will not prevail"

Senator Clarkson went to say that although co-operation was sought with Indian organisations it must be understood that the Board would be administered as Parliament intended notwithstanding protests.

It would not be possible to suspend operations if Indian support was lacking In the Transvaal" he said it will still be necessary to go to parliament for the appointment of any area for Indian acquisition and occupation. In Johannesburg it will be necessary for this Board to co-operate with the City Council in order that some facility may be rendered and Parliament asked to pass the necessary resolution

Senator Clarkson said that the Asiatic Land Tenure Act Advisory Committee established under the 1937 Act had now disposed of most of its work and had handed over its functions to the newly constituted Board

He expressed the hope that it would be possible to establish a voluntary committee consisting of Europeans and Indians who would assist the Board in matters as Indian housing health education and employment which do not fall under their control.

"The Provincial Administration and Municipalities" he said must do their share in the matters of a social character which fall outside the scope of the Bills".



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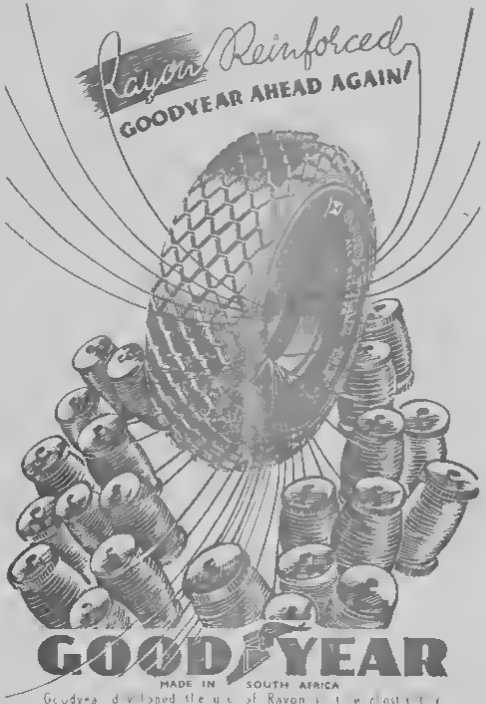
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INDIA's complaint to the General Assembly of UNO charging South Africa with discriminating against Indians living in the Union is likely to provide a severe test of the Charter of the United Nations Organisation. It has produced the most contradictory opinions as there can be no doubt that when a committee of statesmen representing fifty-one countries met in San Francisco—by General Smuts who became the Prime Minister of the Union—

The three principal questions Does the Charter empower to complain to be lodged at all? If so, can it possibly succeed if it does succeed what is India to gain that [illegible] plain] should India [illegible] Articles [illegible] Article [illegible] It says that the United Nations may recommend measures for the peaceful adjustment of any situation regardless of origin which it deems likely to impair the general welfare or friendly relations among nations including situations resulting from a violation of the provisions of the Charter setting forth the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

It is true that the purposes and principles of UNO are stated to be [illegible] international co-operation in solving problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms but the organisation is also pledged to respect the principle of the sovereign equality of all its members and not to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State or shall require members to submit such matters to settlement under the present Charter but this principle shall not prejudice the application of enforcement measures under Chapter VII.

The enforcement measures referred to [illegible] to "sanctions short of the use of armed force" [illegible] to the peace [illegible] peace and order is [illegible] and nobody makes a dispute between India and South Africa [illegible] of these safeguards.

THE UNION AND UNO

The Far writes:

INDIA'S appeal [illegible] on behalf of Indians [illegible] South Africa is not [illegible] to be treated lightly by the Union. International [illegible] counts for something in the [illegible] and South Africa can afford [illegible] be branded as [illegible] oppressor of minorities.

That India has every right to ask UNO to look into its Indian question is [illegible] that Union can be questioned. Each [illegible] that joined UNO [illegible] some points of its [illegible] the highest court of world opinion and it is [illegible] to [illegible] plain that India [illegible] of investigation [illegible] is not [illegible] action.

It is for UNO to decide [illegible] whether scope of the [illegible] also [illegible] this is that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

SIGNIFICANCE OF PASSIVE RESISTANCE CAMPAIGN

By H. E. DHLOMO

peoples had lulled the external [illegible] agencies of force check and threatened the Lea[illegible] was in fact [illegible] the case in ancient Athens.

The question arises: Is the Empire a democracy or an Empire? Can the Empire withstand the salutary challenge and condemn the dictators for their acts of oppression and revolution when the Empire itself is terribly oppressing and exploiting the coloured races?

The answer came from the [illegible] of the past. I have referred again and again that in the long run moral force will govern the [illegible] that you cannot suppress truth and [illegible] Ancient Athens had [illegible] and [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Proposals Accepted

New Delhi

The Congress Party ... committee today ... to accept the British ... long term ... by India will ... to ... Congress ... now ... Working Committee ... as but who ... Working Committee ... Council ... was ... Miss ... people in India ...

British Regime in India To End

Pandit Jawaharlal ... formally ... end of the ... Empire in India ... to get ... finally ... off ... not ... A ... Indian ... the ... Indian ... Indian ... Indian

crimination of [illegible] Governor of [illegible] the Union Government [illegible] Representative [illegible] Indian [illegible] was humiliating [illegible] Africans and [illegible] whole Indian nation [illegible] Smuts had insulted the Indian leader, who practically [illegible] Hitler has done what I have never done against the Jews in Germany. But it will be a painful day for South Africa when the Indians will be treated as the Jews [illegible] country. Mr. Hans Meijer, president of the Africa Hilfswerk [illegible] Association was shocked [illegible] unofficial but nothing [illegible] UN charter [illegible] Indians [illegible] the treatment of man.

Determined To Resist

[illegible] Thyssen [illegible] gone [illegible] that they [illegible] Union [illegible] and that [illegible] Nazi [illegible] which [illegible] Africa [illegible] to [illegible] resist [illegible] Union [illegible] Africans [illegible] partly [illegible] Union [illegible] which [illegible] has [illegible] clause [illegible] Indians [illegible] and [illegible] Union [illegible] Assembly [illegible] Indians [illegible] Africans [illegible] Union [illegible] natural [illegible] Africans [illegible] Union [illegible] Indian [illegible] Africans [illegible] Union [illegible] Indians [illegible] rights.

Dr Khare On S.A. Indians

Nagpur, Monday

Dr Khare who [illegible] Hindu Mahasabha [illegible] the Viceroy regarding [illegible] before the formation of [illegible] government [illegible] Congress and the Muslim League co-operate to [illegible] the South African [illegible] question [illegible] Dr Khare told the [illegible] All India Congress Committee [illegible] in Bombay was [illegible] issue but [illegible] grave [illegible] which [illegible] Indians [illegible] South Africa [illegible] the Indian [illegible] 1946.

China's Opposition To Bill

The Chinese Foreign Ministry has instructed the Chinese Consul General in [illegible] to take [illegible] question [illegible] Asia. The Chinese Ambassador [illegible] Yunis Mitchiet Du Li Chieh said that the Chinese Government would [illegible] which [illegible] principle of non-discrimination which had been accepted by all the members of the United Nations under the charter.

New Ministers In India

Simla, Thursday

Five new members of the Viceroy's executive Government were sworn in here today.

To Abstain From Voting

Calcutta Saturday

The European Party in the Bengal Legislative Assembly has decided to abstain from voting in the elections in the Central Legislative Assembly. They say this decision is their unanimous decision by to continue to be a source of discord. During the recent agitation as with the British Cabinet Mission and the Viceroy, the Government insisted that the Europeans joining in Bengal and Assam should not have the right to vote.

Postal Workers' Strike

Calcutta, Monday

[illegible] the headquarters of general clerks, the all India [illegible] agreed unanimously [illegible] which [illegible] to [illegible] the Conciliation Act [illegible] Thursday. [illegible] is not [illegible] the only [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from the Congress Socialist Party, which [illegible] [illegible] very much in the minority, has made its presence felt effectively [illegible]. The railway threat—the railway dispute has [illegible] recently settled—now comes from the postal workers who are [illegible] higher pay and [illegible] which [illegible] an all India basis. To lay the consequence [illegible] of all postal packages were stopped through out India. Youths [illegible] are taking [illegible] the country. The strike situation is almost [illegible] of the growing labour [illegible] which has been spreading [illegible] rapidly since the end of the war.

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NATIONALISTS' ANTI-INDIAN ATTITUDE

[illegible] has come to be mentioned in the same breath as [illegible] so is the Indian passive resistance linked in the public mind with the name of Mahatma Gandhi. And it was in South Africa that this political weapon was first tried by the Indian leader almost 40 years ago when he was involved in disputes with General Smuts.

Today it is weapon [illegible] used by Natal and the people of white South Africa which is strongly anti-Indian in look, a through its political machinery in the hopes of finding a suitable counter weapon.

Although Party leaders in the Transvaal declare that the Africaner has by one [illegible] resorted to passive resistance to remove the reason of the many differences have declined to reply with so economic boycott of Indian shops.

Although Nationalist [illegible] have all [illegible] Zwartkopjens and in Germiston, protest against the recent [illegible] Asiatic and allowed by Mr. [illegible] duty [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Recently [illegible] [illegible] very much in the minority, has made its presence [illegible] effectively [illegible]. The railway threat—the railway dispute has [illegible] recently settled—now comes from the postal workers who are [illegible] higher pay and [illegible] which [illegible] an all India basis. To lay the consequence [illegible] of all postal packages were stopped through out India. Youths [illegible] are taking [illegible] the country. The strike situation is almost [illegible] of the growing labour [illegible] which has been spreading [illegible] rapidly since the end of the war.

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[illegible] industry the farming community of the Transvaal—more [illegible] are native [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

MORE RESISTERS GAOLED

TERMS of imprisonment ranging from four months in six weeks' hard labour were imposed on 14 passive resisters charged with contravening the Natives Amendment Act. They all pleaded guilty.

The first group of 5 including four Indian women was originally charged with trespass but on Thursday the charge was converted to one under the Natives Amendment Act.

Pathyankee and S. R. Pather who each admitted a previous conviction under the Natives Amendment Act were each sentenced to four months hard labour.

Five other Indians who admitted previous convictions for trespass, were each sentenced to two months hard labour. The remainder who had no previous convictions for trespass, were each sentenced to six weeks hard labour.

Sergt. G. Venter gave evidence of arresting a group of 50 resisters led by Joseph Mark Francis, at 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday. Five Indian women were among the accused.

In this group 11 Indians had one of the women admitted previous convictions under the Natives Amendment Act and were each sentenced to four months hard labour. Thirty-four who admitted previous convictions for trespass were each sentenced to two months hard labour. The remainder, four, each received six weeks hard labour.

Captain Olivier gave evidence of arresting the third group of 50, led by Indran G. Joshi at 8 p.m. on Thursday. Two women were included in the group.

Seven of the 15 have admitted a previous conviction under the Natives Amendment Act and were sentenced to four months hard labour. Twenty-six who admitted previous convictions for trespass, were each sentenced to two months hard labour. The remainder each received six weeks hard labour.

The joint honorary secretary of the Natal Indian Congress, Mr. A. I. Meer said that with the sentencing of 150 resisters to terms of imprisonment reaching a total of 150 volunteers now in gaol, the first part of the programme had been fulfilled.

Hundreds of volunteers were ready for immediate action. Many more would arrive from the Transvaal and even from the Cape. On Sunday afternoon a mass meeting was held to congratulate the resisters.

Since the resistance campaign opened on June 13 the vacant plot of ground at the corner of Gale Street and Umbilo Road was transformed from the sick and ill-kept

Cross-allies A. Ismail of Capetown president of the South African Indian Congress, in a statement repudiated the wrongs made goods by the Joint Passive Resistance Council to send a representative to Britain and America.

It was not for the Hertzog Cabinet, he said, to appeal a delegate to any mission on behalf of the South African Congress. Mr. Chandree was not present at the conference which decided to send two delegations nor was he appointed as either of the delegations (Mr. Chandree was appointed by the executive of the S.A.I.C—Ed. I.O.)

The action of the Joint Passive Resistance Council in trying to forestall the work of the South African Indian Congress Executive is to be deprecated says Mr. Ismail. The man to be sent by the Indian Congress to UNO will be man of experience who have a deep and full knowledge of the historical and factual position of Indians in South Africa.

Here is the reply of Mr A. I. Meer, joint secretary of the Natal Indian Congress:

Mr Ashwin Chandree is going to the United States as the representative of the Joint Passive Resistance Council of Natal and the Transvaal.

Mr Chandree is not being sent abroad as the representative of the South African Indian Congress who have every right to send their own representative if they wish to do so.

Mr. Chandree has left on Wednesday against the decision of the parent body.

Batch From Johannesburg

Twenty-five Johannesburg volunteers led by Mulal Bahadur, will arrive in Durban today

Coming From Cape To Join Campaign

Capetown Indians have decided to support the passive resistance struggle in Natal. Within the next few weeks 12 Indians, led by City Councillor Mrs P. Good will leave for Durban to place themselves at the disposal of the passive resistance movement.

In an interview Mrs. Good said that the delegates from the Cape would carry out whatever duties were assigned to them. The Cape has a tradition of liberalism and he felt we would be failing in our duty if we did not do every thing within our power to support the struggle which is taking place in Natal.

We will be followed by many others. In addition to Indians a large number of Natives in Capetown are at present associating themselves with the passive re-

[illegible]

Government's Determination

The Minister of the Interior Senator C. J. Clarkson when he addressed the United Party representatives at Dundee said the Government were not going to be bluffed by the passive resistance movement. The Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act was meant to work and would work. The Indians must be given a fair deal

All India Supports Move

We have received the following cable news from Bombay:—Indian settlers' Satyagraha move meet in South Africa has aroused universal interest throughout India. News of arrest and imprisonment of leaders has been prominently featured in all Indian-owned newspapers. Following Congress feel the entire country supports the Indian settlers struggle. The *Hindu* and *Times, Delhi* Indian Nationalist daily writes under Hue caption "Gold Standard" — Before the bar of world opinion the South African Government have really no defence for their colonial discrimination policy which merely seeks to build up a monopoly for whites in South Africa and reduce Indians to a position of permanent subservience. They have only allied in their misery by the way in which they are now trying to enforce three iniquitous laws against a well-knit community by brutal repression. There is no doubt however as Mahatma Gandhi has said that the Indian community that it is prepared firm to their principles and continued their struggle in a true Satyagrahi spirit they would win in the end. Impression on [illegible] account is soaring [illegible] the people. From the South African Government [illegible] efforts to forget that it is dealing the Indian passive resisters they are not only fighting the entire population of India but also challenging the principles for which UNO stands.

The *Hindu* Madras writes under the caption "Rising Tide of Colour" — It will be the duty of our delegates to the UNO to point out that this is not only segregation of Indians in South Africa in all instances point [illegible] but it is [illegible] of world opinion that will pass [illegible] on the [illegible] of their struggle [illegible] while seeking [illegible]

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THE pronunciamento continues in a virulent form in Europe which blames not only on the down all misfortunes of Jews to flee to Palestine, the revival of the Ku Klux Klan notorious for its organised lynchings of Negroes in the United States and the refusal of South African whites to withdraw the ghetto legislation against Indians and coloureds, but even for the fact that the "second World War" was the first, has not all the wide world of human ill disease. Even the sensitive white people who clamoured in horror at the second boycott of Jewish business and their segregation into ghettos, accept many subsidiated atrocity against the coloured people as the worthy goal law of nature. Hitler was a maniac. I very glad but South is a plain opinion statesman. Hitler persecuted the Jews out of all proportion. South is only making its own position to a human workhouse of the weakest. It is Africans which were annoyed round the smell of brown humanity and the stench of the full-blooded natives. Hitherto wrong Jews to be deprived of their civic rights was being really but the white Europeans Africa who deprived of South African natives not only Hitler had but in many ways more right and the southern states of the United States who wanted to shoot the Negro Hitler by many more are only helping a civilizing process. Men with tar-covered Czech villages submitted by which new scientific civilization were all we can claim and those who have wiped whole human race villages will the camp of Treblinka pan fully compelling armed duty. Ultimately the moral as much the innate horror of an action which unites in criminality but the colour of the skin of the victim. The darker the colour the more outstanding the crime seems.

It is not a question of racial incompatibility or incurable prejudices. It is all a matter of racial privileges economic and political and too so called prejudices such mere devices to preserve those privileges. Once the privileges are liquidated, the prejudices will dissolve automatically. What the white man is not so much like Jews children white souls are excessive terror on their white privacy. I am one of them who privileges which new additions of the rights of coloured peoples to boundaries line. If the negroid humanity of South Africa are segregated into areas in the white man's heaven and all the healthy spots manipulated by the white it is not because the white and the black must live together. It is because the black remember the whites are never thankful to act on all the democratic rights against the beginning of the end of white supremacy and any such right recognition is final end.

If the inhabiting of locations villages in ragged-ed natives and mud huts or mud plastered corrugation of domestic life because many other animals will unfortunately in the means to be employed in attaining for any increasing white people who will be [illegible] It pays in give public [illegible] explained on his deliberate and persecution of human [illegible] rather than by [illegible] and [illegible] so. There is no psychology [illegible] the white man's [illegible] all animal [illegible] love [illegible] the animal [illegible] compelled [illegible] despite [illegible] by all primary [illegible] [illegible] it makes [illegible] All [illegible] in using [illegible] regarding [illegible] [illegible] cases [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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[illegible] Asiatic Act the limit [illegible] became reached. For Indians if they had the slightest spark of self respect in them passive resistance was the only dignified way in which they could offer their protest. I offer my hearty congratulations to those of our brethren who are behind prison bars and my hearty congratulations and sympathy to those outside who are suffering either a permanent loss of a dear one or the pangs of separation. Their consolation is that it is all for the great cause of national self respect and human freedom without which a human being is worth his salt can or is fit to live on this earth.

Reverting To Barbarism

The last Great War is said to have been fought for democracy and human freedom. We find however that those who were crushed under the iron heels of Imperialism still remain crushed and the victory in this war has made the Imperialists madder than ever. It is futile repeating *ad nauseam* that we are living in an age of civilisation. It would be more true to say that we seem to be reverting to the barbaric age when there was no respect for mankind and murder arson and rape was the order of the day. It requires only to look a little beyond one's nose to see that these things are going on an increasing scale. All over the world Christianity is to establish that civilisation which not merely seeks to human brotherhood but which practices it. Christ in the desire not a struggle for any material gain. Materially South Africa is ever to-day the happiest land in the world, not only for Indians but for Europeans also. But materialism does not feed the soul. Whatdoth it profit a man who gains the whole world but loseth his own soul?

A Crusade

Our struggle is really a crusade. We have surrendered ourselves to the Law of God in preference to man made law and are ready to quietly suffer the punishment prescribed for its violation.

Man made law is to-day a negation of God's Law. As a matter of fact all man made laws should be and are claimed to be based on God's Law. But in our Parliaments to-day it is customary to invoke the guidance of God but to act quite contrary to the principles laid down by Him. This will be a bitter struggle. Those who have launched it have done so. I take it with the full realisation of the consequences. Once having taken this step there can be no flinching from it till the goal is reached. It would amount to a lack of faith in God. One who has no faith in God cannot be a passive resister. If he claims to be one he deceives his own conscience and the whole world. It is a life and death struggle. A passive resister has to be prepared to undergo any hardships even to the length of going to the gallows [illegible] and [illegible] finger [illegible]. Nothing [illegible] sacrifice [illegible] of untruth [illegible] will be [illegible] Rev. Scott [illegible] upon the Transvaal Government all out leaving [illegible] to God. Man can but [illegible] it is to the hands [illegible] to dispose. We have a great lesson to learn from the White people who persecute us to-day. Compared to the sufferings they have undergone in their fight for what they call or rather miscall freedom we cannot even talk of our sufferings.

We are only just beginning. If we get tired now and shrink we are doomed. We require in our struggle today both quality and quantity. If we have both then will take us earlier to our goal. Quantity without quality will not avail us much. Taunts with shrinking cannot will not lead to the end. A hundred without that quality will not be able to bear the strain of a long struggle. We cannot examine the character of every person who takes the struggle going on in our midst. But here again, there is no mind at least those who are leading the struggle should be above board. That there may seem [illegible] at times [illegible] our ability, [illegible] to match our [illegible] further [illegible] cherished goal [illegible] should be our determination. As Gandhiji has said [illegible] other things [illegible] all things [illegible] added [illegible] unto us. [illegible] lies in the plucky resolve of Rev. Scott [illegible] while clergymen and others equally white fellow workers who have undertaken to share the sufferings of the Indian resisters. It is our fervent prayer that our friends like Rev. Scott may grow in numbers to awaken the conscience of the white rulers of South Africa and to lead them to do the right thing before it is too late.

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How Government Yields

To City Council's Pressure

All vacant land in Durban will be subject to the same control by the Minister of the Interior as was exercised under the Pegging Act. This is the effect of a proclamation signed by the Governor General in the latest Government Gazette. It follows a recent representations made by a deputation from the City Council to the Government during the Parliamentary session. The representation of premises built on land vacant on January 31, 1946, was free from the complete control to which it was subject under the Pegging Act amending to provisions of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act. Section 6 (4) of the new Act empowers the Governor General to make a proclamation applying, in any area a rule different [illegible] the general rule, but similar to the principle contained in the Pegging Act. The effect of the people [illegible] that no person within the Borough of Durban of [illegible] case may [illegible] use or premises altered extended or completed [illegible] the "open area" until a determination has been made by the Minister of the Interior regarding the use which may occupy it when it is granted. Owners of such property must now make application to the Asiatic Land Tenure Advisory Board for a [illegible] by the Minister.

IN DURBAN TO-DAY

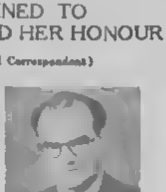
"HINDUSTAN TIMES" LONDON EDITOR SAYS

INDIA DETERMINED TO DEFEND HER HONOUR

(From Our Special Correspondent)

"WHOLE of India has been electrified by the recent developments in South Africa and she is determined that honour and dignity of her sons abroad shall be vindicated at any cost whatever," declared Mr Devendar Anand M.A. (Cantab) London Editor of the *Hindustan Times* and the Associated Newspapers, which is the biggest group of newspapers in India today.

Mr Anand has just arrived in Durban from London by air on a special assignment to cover the situation in South Africa. He was educated at Oxford University and has worked as a special correspondent for the *London Times* and Reuter. Before taking up his present appointment, he was on Reuter's Overseas Desk editing their world service. He is also on the Overseas Committee of the Institute of Journalists in London, the organisations of British journalists.



Mr Devendar Anand

Challenge To Asia

Describing the growing indignation felt by people of all classes here towards India at the treatment meted to their fellow countrymen in South Africa Mr. Anand said that India regarded the Asiatic Land Tenure Act not only as a deliberate and calculated insult to himself but to all Indians, and a brazen resurrection of the German theories of the Master Race against which the last war was declaredly fought.

"When Japan proclaimed the doctrine of Asia for the Asiatics during the war," Mr. Anand said "she met with scorn and ridicule by the Western powers to point the dangerous psychology of total warfare implicit in this doctrine, and stand side by side in thoroughly condemning it as utterly undemocratic. But when South Africa is openly embarking on the same course, it is a strange commentary on the facts that the Western powers are hedging and quibbling."

Mr. Anand said that from his personal conversations with British top ranking leaders he knew that the British Government in London strongly disapproved of the outrageous colour bar policy of the South African Government. The British Cabinet Ministers and others, however expressed their inability to do anything in a matter which South Africa insists is her internal affair.

"One thing is certain," Mr. Anand added, "If the present colour bar policy against the Indians is continued, India will never decide to remain within the British Empire.

South African Welcome?

Describing his own personal experiences during his present visit Mr. Anand said that he was given exceptional assistance by the office of the South African High Commissioner in London that if he went to the Union on diplomatic work he was placed in his way and that he would be allowed to go anywhere he liked and see things for himself.

"In spite of these assurances the first thing that happened when I landed from the Flying Boat was that I was declared a prohibited immigrant on the ground proved that I was an Indian and an Asiatic."

Mr. Anand said that what little he had seen of the treatment accorded to Indians in South Africa, it was even worse than what he had expected when he started on his journey. People in India could not fathom how hardly aware how entirely colour bar was enforced by the South African authorities not only in matters of residence but in basic trains, tram restaurants and post offices.

NOTES AND NEWS

India Doing Everything Possible

Everything possible is being done in India to support the passive resistance of Indians in South Africa said Maharma Gandhi in reply to a cable from the Secretary of the Natal Indian Congress. Gandhiji expressed the hope that the resistors would remain firm until the end. The Secretary said that the South African Government was attempting to break the spirit of the resistors.

Support From India

Pandit Nehru the President of the All-India Congress, replying to a message from the Secretary of the Natal Indian Congress on passive resistance in South Africa says "We are watching with interest and deep admiration our countrymen's struggle in South Africa. We shall be with you in the end."

S.A.I.C. Supports Passive Resistance

The executive committee of the South African Indian Congress which met during the week at Capetown has approved of the passive resistance movement launched by the Natal and Transvaal Indian Congresses and has called on all Indians to support it says a Cape message from Capetown.

Who Will Go To UNO

It was resolved by the executive of the S.A.I.C. to send a delegation to the United States to assist the Indian Government delegation in regard to the complaint lodged with UNO. The delegation will be Messrs A. I. Kajee I. R. Pather, A. M. Moolla, S. M. Nakoo Chenthal Pelanda and Ahmedee Christopher and Miss [illegible] one or more delegates to be nominated by the Transvaal Indian Congress.

Rev Scott's Position In The Church

With regard to the Rev Michael Scott Minister of St. Josephs Home, Sophiatown, who is now serving a sentence of three months' imprisonment with hard labour as a passive resister the Ven R. A. H. Urquhart, Archdeacon of Johannesburg said in an interview "At the moment I suppose Mr Scott is on unofficial leave of absence. He has not resigned yet, but I expect he soon will."

The archdeacon pointed out that Mr Scott's action in identifying himself with the Indian passive resistance movement was not endorsed in any way by the Anglican Church authorities and was entirely a matter of conscience for Mr Scott.

Council For Asiatic Rights

The Council for Asiatic Rights through its chairman Dr J. S. Robertson has protested against the imprisonment of the Rev Michael Scott.

An Appeal To Unite

An appeal to Indians through out South Africa to sink all differences and unite in protest against the Government's treatment of Asiatics was made by Mrs. Z. Gool, a member of the Capetown City Council, speaking at a mass meeting of Indians held by the Transvaal Indian Congress in Johannesburg last Sunday. Resolutions were passed congratulating the resisters in gaol and approving the post-ponement of the Indian Congress elections to October 20.

Resigns From Passive Resistance Council

Mr M. D. Bamjoom, who presented the Indian case against the Indian Bill at the Bar of the Senate, has resigned from the Cape Passive Resistance Council, says a statement by the Cape Indian Congress.

"Passive Resistance Not Enough Says Communist Party"

Passive resistance alone is not effective enough to defeat the Government and reactionary forces says a resolution passed by the Durban district branch of the Communist Party. It is necessary says the resolution "for the Indian people to unite with their allies—the Africans, Coloureds and Democratic Europeans, to transform the present passive struggle into an active one. The Indians being but a small minority in this country, cannot hope to advance along the road to democratic rights and racial equality without the assistance and co-operation of the other oppressed sections.

Asiatic Advisory Board

The first formal meeting of the Asiatic Land Tenure Advisory Board met in Maritzburg on Thursday. The chairman Mr W. A. Cooke, K.C. is still indisposed. Mr D. S. van der Merwe was appointed deputy.

UNO Postpones General Assembly Debate

The meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organisation will be postponed to September 23 as proposed by the Foreign Ministers' Conference.

INDIA DEBATE IN BRITISH PARLIAMENT

Sir Stafford Cripps, the president of the Board of Trade, opening the debate on India in the House of Commons on July 17, said he believed that not one but many things had contributed to the initiation of the historic, and en operation of the whole people, was to offer them their full constitutional freedom as to their future and to help them to achieve it as smoothly and quickly as possible."

The Mission did not go out to India with a cut and dried plan, he said. We went out with open minds since we at fact was not to impose a plan on India, but to help the Indians to agree amongst themselves. We saw representatives of both parties shortly before we left India and they stated to us quite emphatically that it was their intention to go into the constituent assembly with the object of making it work."

He was confident from all that would be the Moslem in India, that the partial there appreciated the fundamental fact that unity could not be achieved by force and that it must come by agreement.

Sir Stafford said that when the Mission left India there had undoubtedly been a change of atmosphere. There was a trust in the sincerity of the British Government which had formerly been absent and a desire and willingness for co-operation in the solution of India's problems. That is the first positive gain and is something we believe augurs well for our future relationship with independent India whether she chooses to remain within or go without the British Commonwealth of nations.

He concluded "success though not yet by any means certain, is within the grasp of statesmen and non-Indian friends of a new Indian friendship and money hope that in this [illegible] atmosphere the [illegible] may be overcome.

Mr Churchill

Mr Churchill, the leader of the Opposition who followed Sir Stafford, professed his remarks by saying that it was better to learn the general certain until the House had the opportunity to promised for the autumn.

"The good or ill we are concerned in the offer made at the time of what might be called Cripps Mission in the spring of 1942. That offer was made in a time when the Japanese held the full naval command of the Bay of Bengal and it was possible that India might be invaded and ravaged by the Japanese army. Under full responsibility for the offer of 1942, although we received no cooperation from the Congress Party in India, which throughout the war, adopted an attitude of non-cooperation although 2,000,000 or more Indians fought with us for freedom."

Mr Churchill said it was a remarkable thing that the political parties did not away the viceroy of Indians.

The present Government, Mr Churchill went said had gone beyond the offer of 1942 and had instructed its delegates to offer full independence directly on the original plan for he was ordered this short circuiting of the normal constitutional processes to be put in accordance with the best wishes of those concerned with the solution of the Indian problem. The Government had the power to make this change and their's was the responsibility for having made it.

The offer of 1942 was manifested upon agreement being reached among the leading parties in India. The mission proceeded to shape outlines of settlement as it had endeavoured to induce all elements concerned to agree to it as a working basis.

He did not challenge the right of H.M. Government to take this action but the question of agreement was one else in which the Government had gone beyond any it intended to which he and his colleagues were committed.

Sir Stafford Cripps interrupted him to say that he had exactly the same job to 1942 — then he tried to get both parties to agree. Mr Churchill would not over complain because he was parties and again.

Mr Churchill replied that the parties had not agreed and, in fact they pass it were annulling day by day.

Another point of great importance he said was the faithful discharge of our obligations during over many years and affirmed by so many British Governments in various pronouncements in India. He was sure that the Prime Minister in March should have spoken in a sense what uncertain sense about the rights of minorities because the protection of these fundamental rights affected "our duty to discharge pledges which we had so often given."

He had received most vehement and painful appeals from the leaders of those great communities. There was no doubt that there was a complete lack of agreement at the present time between the two principal communities. Between these two communities, the gulf was enormous wide.

"I desire to so phrase that all arrangements to be made by the constituent assembly and to results which may subsequently be brought into existence between the Crown and Parliament of Great Britain and the new sovereign independent government of India, must be subject to the fulfilment of the honourable discharge of our obligations. I hope we are in agreement on that.

Our minds and contemplate, he said that British troops should be used to crush Moslems in the interests of caste Hindus. "Whatever might be our respective attitudes, whatever might be the duty appointed to us to quit India, we must not make ourselves agents of a caste government or particular sectional government in order to crush by armed force and modern weapons another community which, although not so numerous as ours, was backed by 90,000,000."

Mr A. V. Alexander

Mr A.V. Alexander, the first Lord of the Admiralty, and one of the members of the Cabinet Mission to India said it was approached the situation today entirely from the view point of 1946 we would have more back with the same failure. I regret leaving Mr Churchill speak and ourselves in 1942 was made only because the enemy was at the gates. That is the kind of complaint put forward by the Indians who want them to abandonment a deal I have them double bout out *hors l'de*.

Mr Alexander [illegible] closer link [illegible] less one heeded [illegible] a simple [illegible] and dreamed [illegible] he thought we [illegible] to accept and we [illegible] part [illegible] the world [illegible] the [illegible] tion of the spirit that we were taken on Monday [illegible] We believe we have [illegible] the position when it rests in reason why we should not [illegible] very rapid progress [illegible] freedom for that great continental whose people [illegible] whole of the [illegible] wishes getting [illegible] desires that they will be one great power [illegible] good [illegible] people in the world.

The debate was concluded and there was no question of a vote.

In The House Of Lords

Lord Pethick Lawrence the Secretary of state for India, making a statement in the House of Lords the same after noon as the Cabinet mission to India at [illegible] he could claim, with all fear of disagreement that they were entirely successful in convincing the Indians of the British people's sincerity in offering them independence with the co-operation of the British Commonwealth.

All leaders of Indian opinion [illegible] now realise that the British people mean what they say and will do their part to [illegible] effect."

Lord Lawrence said [illegible] from the [illegible] to the constitution making body have been proceeding during the present month and them news within has reached us some of the best human material to [illegible] to be returned to take part in the deliberations. If my expectations in this respect are fulfilled a most valuable start has been made in the creation of a constitutional structure for the future of India.

"The work which my colleagues and I have been engaged on in India with unsurpassed of the greatest importance not only for India and Britain but indeed the whole world. If we have been able to reach even a partial solution of it as of the problems and in helping India to find a way through its own difficulties to a prosperous future, it will have taken part in the great work."



Miss Jutsuh Anwar

who left a batch of women Passive Resisters in the Transvaal. Miss Jutsuh who is 21 years [illegible] the daughter of Hajee Ali [illegible] Anwar who took a [illegible] part in the Passive Resistance movement and [illegible] Shri Mahatma Gandhi in 1913. She was a medical student in the Witwatersrand University and [illegible] years.

DR. V. G. PATEL

ORDEAL AT THE POLICE STATION

[From Our Own Correspondent]

THIS is the story of Dr. V. G. Patel, a brilliant Indian surgeon of Johannesburg, a story gloriously high lighting what is happening to the Indians now camped in South African today, showing the true character of the present Smuts Nazidom and the smut in South Africa.

It is a story simple and incomparable in the logic, moved towards its ghastly climax with dignity and bringing out the undeniable tragedy of Indians in South Africa.

At the age of 36 Dr. Patel is recognised as an outstanding surgeon not only in the Union but in the whole continent of Africa. An Indian product of the highest medical qualifications in the world and the list of degrees after his name nearly covers half of the English alphabet: briefly he is L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., M.B.B.S. (Lond.) D.O.M.S. (Eng.) F.R.C.S. (Eng.).

He recently returned to South Africa after ten years of medical studies and practice in England and started work in Johannesburg.

Without exaggeration Dr. Patel told me that the difficulties owing to the colour bar which confronted him at every turn made it impossible for him to maintain his work with any element of self respect. Therefore when the Congress launched the present struggle he at once gave up his practice and came from Johannesburg and placed his services at the disposal of the Passive Resist ance Council in Durban.

Then week Dr. Patel led another batch of Passive Resisters at the Gale Street, Umbilo Road camp. Among cousing sheets of jail bird and "We shall resist," from a crowd of hundreds of Indian sympathisers who bade him farewell he walked on the forbidden ground together with his companions and was duly arrested.

I followed up Dr. Patel to a nearby Police Station and was able to gather some idea of the treatment meted out to the Passive Resisters. Dr. Patel and his companions were made to stand in a corner no matter how long before other South African police arrived to hear. Though only undertrial prisoners and yet not found guilty they were unjustly forbidden to sit down.

When I left the Police Station Dr. Patel and his companions were still standing with the spirit and determination of true Satyagrahis. It is learned that police matters in Natal have reached Passive Resister speed that last night standing without sleep.

In a stirring speech before his arrest Dr. Patel described his complete and utter disillusionment since his return from England and pointed to the aim of Passive Resistance which is to live in Ghettos as slaves. We are fighting for the elementary human rights about which Lieutenant Smuts is so loath to talk. We shall flock in our millions if necessary to carry on the present struggle. We have no good alternative." Dr. Patel was fined £5 or the equivalent had labour. The minimum sentence was also imposed on twelve Natal who also had previous convictions, i.e. trespass.

Thirty-three including Muslims Satyagrahis were each fined £3 or 30 days' hard labour. Nearly all the fines were paid.

Sunday

Three passive resisters were arrested within a few minutes of their arrival at the site. The members of the group came from the Transvaal and were led by Dr. V. G. Patel who returned to the Union from England a few months ago where he had been practising for about 10 years. Among the resisters was a Colored man the first to be arrested in the campaign.

Monday

A group of five Indians arrived at the site of the passive resistance camp at Gale Street and Umbilo Road at 8.40 p.m. and were arrested a few minutes later.

Tuesday

Monday night's group of passive resisters was made up of five local Indians who arrived at the site of the intersection at Gale Street and Umbilo Road shortly after 8.30. They were arrested soon afterwards and taken to the Central Police Station.

Another two Indians pleaded guilty before Mr. L. I. Cohen in the Durban Magistrate's Court to a charge of trespassing.

They were each fined £3, or 30 days hard labour.

Wednesday

A group of five resisters, led by a 31-year old factory worker, was arrested.

Four passive resisters who were arrested on Tuesday were sentenced in the Durban Magistrate's Court on a charge of trespass.

Govindasamy Pillay, who admitted a previous conviction, was sentenced to a fine of £3, or three days hard labour. Three others were fined £3 or 30 days.

On the application of the Public Prosecutor, the charge was withdrawn against a youth who appeared with the others. The Prosecutor said he had given instructions that in future juve niles should be brought before the juvenile Magistrate.

STOPPAGE OF EXPORT FROM INDIA

SOUTH AFRICA must become nearly self-sufficient in the light of the present world position by the recent decision of the Government of India to prohibit all exports from India to South Africa.

A directive of a well known firm of importers said to an interviewer in the Times that Indian products mainly 70 per cent of the world's jute and must never as been the only country supplying South Africa with this commodity. The present stock position in the Union could only a small portion of what India supplied can be replaced by the countries.

Only a few textile and stuff traders in the Union although realising the gravity of the position feel that the present political crisis cannot unless there is complete and that the position will be clarified before it becomes really acute.

The serious shortage of ground nuts from which oil is mainly inclined is not affected by the political country says The almost age in world wide and exports were suspended owing to the Indian two cropping path of India. Cotton piece goods and yarn were imported from India, but these can be obtained from other countries.

"Of the African materials imported from India only coir is important economically. Another well known industrialist said, "Existing stocks of coir yarn, together with shipments which arrived recently will see us through until late in the year By that time it is hoped that the whole situation will be cleared up."

From any unrestricted shipments of spices, widely used by the Indian community in their food were allowed in the past few months. Stocks in the country are very good and the short age will not be seriously felt until about a year at most.

"The 42 inch cloth, specially imported to make saris will be unobtainable in a short time," an Indian tradesman said. "Indian women will either have to make their own saris or other materials or adopt Western methods of dress."

Cultured stocks are non existent, but Indian jewellery can be manufactured in the Union.

Union Wide Anti-Pass Day

The Action Committee of the National Anti-Pass Council had fixed Sunday August 4 as the preliminary demonstration day in the Union said Mr. Dan Tuthuru, an official of the African National Congress of an end pass rally at Orlando.

PASSIVE RESISTANCE NOTES

Friday

Seven women who made up Thursday's batch of passive resisters appeared on Friday morning before Mr. F. Driver-Symmons in the Durban Magistrate's Court charged with trespass.

Zyenab Amod a medical student aged 21 who was the leader of the group admitted two previous convictions of trespass and was fined £5 in three months' hard labour. The remainder were each fined £2 or 20 days.

All the women were from the Transvaal. One was a medical student and most of the others were domestics. Ages ranged from 21 years to 35.

No fines were paid.

Saturday

Two priests Dr. H. C. Michael Scott and Muniswe Nicholas both of Johannesburg led the passive resistance picket of 19.

The other eight Indian immigrants were from Durban and Johannesburg. They arrived at the concession site at 8.45 p.m. and were formed up by the police into a double file and marched off to the Stella Hill Police Station where they were charged with trespassing.

Saturday

The Rev. Guthrie Michael Scott (28) pleaded guilty before Mr. G. H. Beattie in the Durban Magistrate's Court to a charge of trespassing. Rev. Scott admitted three previous convictions for trespass and was given the minimum sentence of £5 or the equivalent had labour. The minimum sentence was also imposed on twelve Natal who also had previous convictions, i.e. trespass.

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Things In General

(Extracts From Sepa-Reuter Reports)

PANDIT NEHRU president of the All India Congress, in a statement on the recent political events in Goa (Portuguese territory to western India) said Goa cannot be separated from India. Any struggle for freedom there becomes part of our own freedom in the near future. It is recalled that the Congress Socialist Leader Rammanohar Lohia, was recently arrested in Goa for defying a ban on making speeches he was later released

India's First Parliament Elected

The elections of members to India's Constituent Assembly—the country's first 'Parliament' which will meet shortly to frame a constitution for a free India has been completed with 296 members from British India and 93 members from the Indian States. The Assembly is expected to hold its inaugural session in New Delhi early in September and provisions to be one of the most representative organisations of Indian political life ever to meet. It includes top-ranking leaders of all political parties and religious communities, except the Sikh community, which, at the last minute, chose to stay out of the Assembly In addition it includes some of the foremost Indian jurists, scholars and constitutional experts. One notable absentee will be Mahatma Gandhi who, though he did not seek election, has given the Assembly's deliberations his blessings. Among those whose election has already been announced are the Congress Party president, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, and most of the members of the Congress Working Committee, the president of the Muslim League, Mohammed Ali Jinnah and his colleagues of the League executive body, the president of the Hindu Mahasabha Dr Mokherjee, the leader of the Scheduled Castes Dr Ambedkar, and the president of the Anglo Indian Association, Mr Frank Anthony A former Premier of Madras, Mr Rajagopalachari, is among the Madras representatives.

The election in Bombay of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, one of the Congress delegates to the Simla talks and to Rihar at Cr Rajendra Prasad, a member of the Congress Working Committee, is regarded as certain, though results from these two provinces have not yet been announced.

The Muslim League repeated the record it set up in the general elections six months ago by securing all but four of the 58 Moslem seats in the five Moslem majority provinces.

Congress registered an equally overwhelming success in its own spheres.

Ambedkarites Offer Passive Resistance

One hundred and twelve passive resisters belonging to untouchable class who are campaigning against British proposals for the future of India were arrested. They defied a ban on meetings within a half a mile of the Council Hall The resisters were arrested in daily batches since they started their campaign Another 115 were arrested for defying the ban on processions on Saturday Each was fined sums from £1 10s. to £3.

Postal Strike Ends

After seven days strike Indian postmen have resumed work in places throughout the country, in some cases *en bloc*. The Government of India last week announced the acceptance of the special interim award on the demands by 50,000 postal and telegraph workers. Mr V J Dalal, general secretary of the All India Postmen's Union, said in Bombay that the award had nothing to do with the strikers demands. "If the telegram relief is favourable for us we will consider our future course of action," he added The adjudicator recommended increased basic salaries on a graduated scale basis for 155,000 employees ranging from five per cent to 50 per cent

Repudiates My Alexander

The statement by Mr A V Alexander the first Lord of Admiralty, in the House of Commons debate on India last week that the majority of the depressed classes were behind Congress was described as a "gross misrepresentation of facts" by Dr B R Ambedkar, president of the All India Scheduled Castes Federation In a cable to Mr Alexander who was a member of the British Cabinet Mission to India Dr Ambedkar said "final election determined by Caste Hindu votes can never be a fair issue willing free enfranchisement of the Scheduled Castes on the basis of joint or separate electorates, and I am prepared to abide by this Verdict

Maharaja Of Kashmir

The Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir ending his first darbar (holding of court) announcement since the recent ban on the entry of the Congress President, Pandit Nehru, into Kashmir is regarded by SAFA Reuter to have said "we look forward to taking our due place in the new constitutional structure of India, but our concern for the progress of India does not imply acceptance by us of dictation in our internal affairs. Kashmir is renowned for its beauty throughout the world and as one would wish to deny any person free access to it. But if we are convinced that such access to any man will lead to strife, disorder and consequent bloodshed among my people it is our bounden duty to take all steps necessary to avert these consequences.

Goa Congress Leaders See Gandhiji

Congress leaders in Goa met Mahatma Gandhi in Panchgani, Gandhiji is reported to have given his approval to a passive resistance movement proposed by them to "regain civil liberties. Goa is a Portuguese territory on the West Coast of India.

NON-VIOLENCE IN ACTION

The Congress of Racial Equality is to body working to abolish racial discrimination by direct, personal non-violent methods.

Individual soldiers are its members who join voluntarily "There is no conscription in the army! Each individual conscripts himself and voluntarily agrees to maintain to the best of his ability a friendly, honable, understanding attitude towards all persons responsible for race discrimination while still refusing to co-operate with racial injustice in any way Those self-disciplined volunteers refuse to use violence, and their attitude reduces to a minimum the possibility of violence on the part of opponents. The psychology of such an attitude set up a mental barrier which often completely blocks violence by the opponent and always reduces such violence when it does occur to a mini mum

The significant thing about these workers is that they do not withhold action until no violence is used or a law is passed They go out and control actual practice by non-violent, direct, personal action

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Mr J L [illegible]

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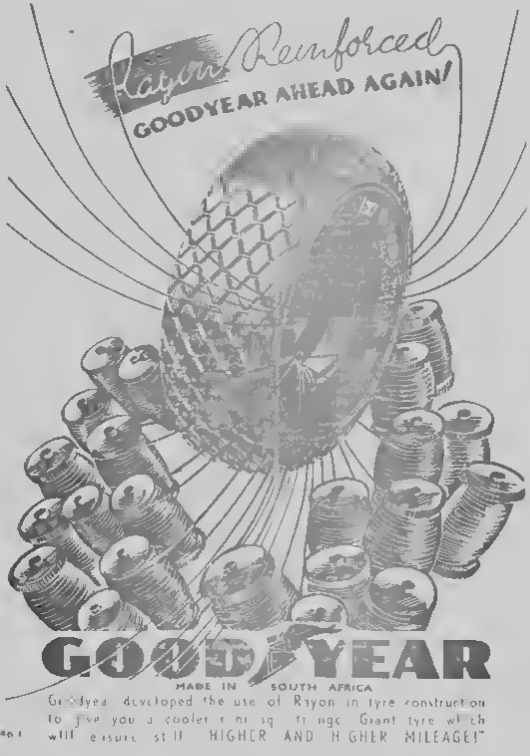
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By L. W. RITCH

BY way of justification shall we say? Though "apology" would, perhaps, be the more correct term to employ, the sentences of imprisonment imposed on the passive resisters have been defended (or attempted) on the plea that once laws have been enacted they must be enforced "the duty of a Government, we are told, is to govern" to the promises perfectly logical and, if logical thinking were the first and only method of arriving at truth and all perhaps be unanswerable. But, as Carpenter points out, mere logical thinking all too frequently degenerates into "deductive thinking."

The logical method he shows, is based upon a glimpse at (a proposition) from one limited aspect, and one definite one is not usually without many things to shoot the logical mind glimpses relative truth truly seen only, as in a glass darkly partially, and on a plane of level thing cast transcend, but which never

[illegible] is the psychological type of mind Carpenter illustrates like ergo must by asking. What could be more illogical than the Italy Inquisition with its torture and burning of heretics? William persecution of non-Aryans was equally "logical" and to were casualties other actions record in our histories which later were pardoned to have been "logical" but also [illegible]

The [illegible] pounding the nerves in [illegible] regarding the enforcement of [illegible] must [illegible] but [illegible] the case of the Asiatic Act [illegible] argument of the selfish demands and the [illegible] whilst [illegible] majority [illegible] in any [illegible] [illegible] but [illegible] really they are [illegible] When subjected to and tested by [illegible] psychological thinking [illegible] seem to be surprisingly [illegible] Similarly in regard to [illegible] ments and their duty to [illegible] Legally they may [illegible] duty whether they [illegible] righteously [illegible] Psychologically they [illegible] uniting a wrong with [illegible] political they pursue [illegible] established principles [illegible] and justice. In most [illegible] stances they stand [illegible] demned while such [illegible] Hampden Washington and Luther to take only a few [illegible] samples who had the courage to oppose them are acclaimed heroes and liberators. In passing it may be remarked that jurists distinguish between offences that are [illegible] in and of themselves such as murder or theft and [illegible] that are [illegible] prohibited merely mainly to prohibit [illegible] such as public [illegible] European [illegible] prisoners [illegible] will not be put in [illegible] and mixed with [illegible] of course, treated [illegible]



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FIFTY-YEAR-OLD AGITATION

AGAINST INDIANS IN SOUTH AFRICA

As a protest against the South African Union Government's continued indifference to the representations of the Government of India for the postponement of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill, says a Government Press note in Indian, the existing trade agreement between India and South Africa is being terminated, and no matters do not seem to improve it has been found necessary to recall the High Commissioner.

The Draft Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill, just passed by the Union Parliament and assented to by the Governor-General, insists that no Indian or a person of Indian descent shall have the right to trade in the whole opportunities of the Indian community in South Africa and prevents them the Government of India from the Press note proceeds. Indians in South Africa at present number 290,000 distributed in Natal the Transvaal and the Cape of Good Hope. But 200,000 Indians in the province of Natal 158,000 are in Durban. The Europeans in Durban are 125,000.

Emigration of Indians to Natal began in 1860 on the promised opportunities of the Natal Government for supply of unskilled labour in sugar plantations. Soon after the indentured period was over when the labourers began to return to India, the colonists found difficulty in procuring labour. The labour and the sugar industry was threatened with ruin. The Natal Government renewed their requests and an agreement was reached between them and the Government of India wholly the Indian immigrants were granted lands in lieu of a free passage to India if they wished to settle in the colonies, after completing their terms of indentures. This led to the uptake of immigrants to Natal in 1874. It was no fategal part of the terms of immigrants that the labourers should enjoy equality of status after the period of indentures would but he would five under the ordinary law of the land and not be subject to any discriminatory legislation. In fact, Government of India had made it clear to their representatives and to the Natal Government,

"We cannot permit emigration to be resumed until we are satisfied that the Colonial authorities are awake to their duty towards Indian immigrants and that effective measures have been taken to ensure to that class of His Majesty's subjects full protection in Natal. The Indian indentured immigration mentioned steadily after 1874 and was eventually soon supplemented by immigration of free Indians, chiefly Hindu, then as barrier to their settlement in South Africa.

Government of India did a great deal to encourage Indian



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labour in order to enable the Natal Government and the planters, but when the time came for Indians to settle down in the Colony as free people the Natal Government has been bounding its agreement began imposing disabilities on them In 1896 Indians were deprived of poll tax franchise. Then a Poll Tax was levied of £3 per annum and in 1913 Ind ans were declared prohibited immigrants. Simultaneously there had been additions to the Transvaal against Indians in the form of restrictions on entry of Indians as well as on their residence and trading. The wide Indian agitation led to passive resistance under the guidance of Mahatma Gandhi which culminated in the Smuts-Gandhi Agreement of 1914, by which the abolition of the £3 tax and the remedying of other grievances were promised. General Smuts expressed the hope that the Agreement would constitute a complete and final settlement of the controversy

After the First World War a fresh agitation against Indians was started It took the form of legislation intended to impose restrictions on landholding and residence in urban areas, in the words of Dr Malan, to want the Indians as an alien element to be considerably reduced. Happily the Class Areas Bill lapsed owing to the dissolution of the Parliament The Areas Reservation Bill introduced next year was shelved on representations made by the Government of India, pending joint discussions between representatives of the two Governments of a conference held in 1926 By this agreement called the Capetown Agreement the Union Government undertook to provide for the uplift, through education and other means of Indians who remained in the Union and were prepared to conform to the western standards of living while the Government of India promised to do its best to provide more adequately for repatriated Indians.

But the Capetown Agreement has remained a dead letter, the uplift clause thereof not being implemented, mainly owing to the default of Provincial and Municipal Governments After a couple years the position to day is that Indians in South Africa are victims continually of [illegible] from various economic [illegible] and political disabilities. [illegible] cannot, also, move from [illegible] province to another in the Union of South African They cannot at times railway concessions in places of amusement, or restaurants which are exclusively reserved for non Europeans. No facilities for medical training exist for Indians They have been provided for them with the result that the Government of India had to remove many of her Indian students from South Africa In the various political disputes India Indians do not also hold any jobs except manual ones.

Interim Act Of 1939

As Indians in the Transvaal the Union Government had in 1939 sought to restrict the right of Indians to occupy certain lands to trade anywhere in the Transvaal (to-day Indian traders in the Transvaal have to take out licences which is not easily obtainable) and to transfer their business anywhere to the most unsuitable by passing what is known as the Interim Act of 1939 This was a two-years measure and was followed in 1940 by the appointment of the Indian Penetration Commission, known as the Sastri Broome Commission to inquire into and report whether it was a fact that Indians were encroaching upon lands situated in the predominantly European areas. The Commission found that the settlement of Indian penetration in the Transvaal since 1927 was not alarming as was supposed, while in Natal it was little more than a trickle Soon after, the European alleged that, since the publication of the Commission's report Indian penetration

predominantly European [illegible] had become a matter [illegible] and they claimed the appointment of another Commissioner for Durban

Second Broome Commission

A commission popularly known as the second Broome Commission, was recently appointed and reported but although there had been some penetration by Indians it had been greatly exaggerated and that the Commission and the public had been misled by inaccurate maps and misrepresentation of facts.

What actually happened was that Indian traders had made money during the war but how? no satisfactory explanation had been given by which they had settled.

They were also [illegible] and [illegible] with an improved standard of living generally wanted to live in better houses in [illegible] surroundings. Then and there, [illegible] at the rate of [illegible] cent. of the total acreage of property in Durban etcetera.

The Pegging Bill

European agitation however increased in intensity and resulted in the Pegging Bill being rushed through the House of Assembly in 1943 despite the Government of India's protests. For the first time statutory restrictions were imposed on the acquisition of land by Asiatics in Natal. Finally the Union Government of India and Pakistan to South Africa had the Union Government to appoint a March 1944, a judicial commission the third Broome Commission to inquire into and report on matters affecting the Indian community in the province of Natal. The Indian community agreed to co-operate with the Commission. And the result was the Pretoria Agreement. According to this agreement, the Pegging Act was to be replaced by an ordinance to be passed by the Natal Provincial Council providing for the creation of a Licensing Board consisting of two European and two Indian members with a third European, with legal training, as chairman. The Government of India did not regard this as the ideal solution of the Indian problem, but agreed to give the ordinance a chance.

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[illegible] Commissioner was [illegible] the Government of India [illegible] Indian interests being [illegible] disregarded, adjourned their Round Table Conference in protest of the sudden action committed in the Union of South Africa [illegible] published investigations in India [illegible] condemning them [illegible] quite [illegible] accompanied [illegible] party [illegible] without obtaining [illegible]

Incidentally the Union Government declared that the mission [illegible] appointed [illegible] institutional exploring and [illegible] matters [illegible] of the Union [illegible] in June 1941. The Union Government not only [illegible] but the provisions of both [illegible] declared to all classes of the population [illegible] Indians. The Union Government's Low Cost Act was introduced whereunder [illegible] purchase [illegible] Natal [illegible] and [illegible] Natal [illegible] Council [illegible] Indians [illegible] Commissioner [illegible] the [illegible] Indians [illegible] Natal [illegible] Act [illegible] Natal [illegible] Indians [illegible] Government [illegible] Indians

PASSIVE RESISTANCE NOTES

Tuesday

Ten passive resisters appeared before Mr. L. I. Cohen in the Durban Magistrate's Court on the usual charge of trespass. All were found guilty. Two were each fined £5 or three months hard labour. The remaining were fined £3 or 21 days hard labour each.

Monday

Twelve Indian passive resisters were arrested in Durban during the week-end in connection with the Dockyard land.

Saturday a batch of five resisters were all Durban Indians and were led by a young Indian factory worker.

Sunday night a batch of seven were all from Mayville. They were also led by a young Indian factory worker.



MRS. C. CHRISTOPHER

leading a batch of Indian Women Passive Resisters

Mrs Christopher addressing a meeting in Durban before she and her associates were arrested

Twelve passive resisters appeared during the week and pleaded guilty before Mr. L. I. Cohen in the Durban Magistrate's Court charged with trespassing on the Dockyard land.

They were each fined £5 or in default one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

The sentence was carried out.

A further three Indian passive resisters were arrested on Saturday and appeared before Mr. L. I. Cohen in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Monday charged with trespassing on the Dockyard land.

They were each fined £5 or in default one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

Mrs. A. Christopher Leads A Batch

Five Indian women passive resisters were arrested in the precincts of the Dockyard on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. A. Christopher was in charge of the party which included Indian Indians. Mrs. Christopher was charged with trespassing on the Dockyard land.

She was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of £5 or in default one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

Before the court proceedings started Mr. [illegible] Moodley, one of the accused, addressed the Court on behalf of the women. He said that the Court would not understand the spirit in which the Christ was working.

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Batch Arrives From Capetown

Councillor Mrs. C. Gool of Capetown arrived in Durban on Wednesday to take part in the passive resistance campaign. She will actively lead the passive resistance party of Transvaal Indians. Including two other women who arrived from Johannesburg last Saturday.

Mrs. Gool is a Durban girl and is married to Dr. Gool who is also an active participant in the passive resistance campaign. Dr. Gool is at present in Capetown.

At a public meeting held in Durban last Saturday a resolution declaring solidarity with the passive resistance campaign and expressing admiration for those arrested was carried. The resolution called upon all democrats and freedom-loving people to take every possible assistance to the Indians in their struggle against the Ghetto Act.

At another meeting held in the Durban Town Hall on Saturday night, Mr. [illegible] Naidoo, a Durban Indian, who was released from jail on Friday after serving a sentence of one month's imprisonment for passive resistance, addressed a meeting of Indians. Mr. Naidoo was one of the first batch of passive resisters to be arrested in Durban.

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OUR INDIA LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Bombay July 15.

THE progress of the Satyagraha in South Africa is being intensely watched in India. The All India Congress Committee last week passed a resolution on the subject. Shrimati Sarojini Naidu in proposing it said that the seeds of Satyagraha which Gandhiji had sown did not die but were bearing fruit between, and children and grandchildren all those who marched to prison with him years ago were marching again to prison. They were fighting a battle of life and death not for the sake of material gains but for something more precious more challenging and more intimate—the self respect and honour of the Indian people. It may be said Pandit Jawaharlal, the new Congress President, that the future of India is even now being decided by the struggle of life in South Africa, particularly in South Africa.

A Sad Event

Referring to a case of lynching resulting in the death of an Indian, Gandhiji said "It is a sad event. Nevertheless I feel happy. A satyagrahi must always be ready to die with a smile on his face without relatives and without a name in this land. Some people have come in here even with notice that the yagnya means only jailgoing perhaps facing lathi blows, and nothing more. Such Satyagraha can do little independent of its own judgment once you have to run the risk of dying without telling a soul."

"I venture to submit that what we in any other qualification which sends such a man into jail is a perfect misnomer. The Indians are fighting for their honour. The land in South Africa does not belong to the Whites. Land belongs to those who labour on it. I would not shed a single drop of blood if the Satyagrahis in South Africa were wiped out. If only they would call out only the names of themselves but put on it the way in the Nuremberg trials the honour of India. I am proud of them and I should be."

European Support

Paying tribute to Rev Michael Scott of Johannesburg Gandhiji said "It is a thing for a White man to identify himself with the coloured people in South Africa. His Satyagraha remains firm and I am not afraid of the end, all will be well with them."

"The south African struggle," he added, "may appear to be insignificant today, but it is charged with momentous consequences. Satyagraha is today being tried to the last of its limb. The success of hundreds of Indians silently consecrated to indentured labourers, had excited the jealousy of the Whites of South Africa. And they are now subjecting them to unspeakable indignities. They are sought to be segregated into ghettos and further humiliated by being offered an illusory franchise. That all this should happen under the representative of Field Marshal Smuts fills me with shame and humiliation. Our sins have a strange way of coming home to roost. We turned a portion of ourselves into pariahs and today the Whites of South Africa are doing the same to our compatriots there. Let us put ourselves all this curse and bless the heroes in the Satyagrahi ranks who are going to jail in order that they may by their suffering and sacrifice melt the hearts of their tormentors. Theirs is not a movement of hate but the need of sympathy and moral support."

Nazi Doctrine

In a speech which Pandit Jawaharlal delivered just after the A.I.C.C. meeting at Bombay he made a pointed reference to South Africa and said that what the Nazis practised doctrine a racial superiority all Europe was up in arms against them but what the South African Whites practised the same Nazi creed against Asiatics, the Europeans observed a discreet silence. Racial discrimination was not confined to South Africa or Germany it prevailed against Indians only. All Europeans hunted Asiatics in the same manner while analysing to fight with the weapon of Satyagraha but alas! As other nations may not follow the same method. He feared that if this kind of thing continued there might be a third World War between Asia and Europe.

MOSLEMS BOYCOT INDIAN ASSEMBLY

LEAGUE MISLEADS—Says Azad

SHEER CANTANKEROUSNESS Says Rajaji

(From Our Special Correspondent)

Bombay August 1

The All India Moslem League Council which met in Bombay on Monday passed a resolution withdrawing the Moslem League's acceptance of the British Cabinet Mission's proposal.

The Moslem League Council also passed a resolution in favour of direct action authorising the president Mr Jinnah to take such steps as were necessary both resolutions were passed unanimously.

Mr Jinnah told the Council that the Working Committee of the Moslem League had decided to withdraw the stand of the Cabinet Mission's proposals after full consideration of all the issues.

The resolutions were put to the vote, but a two hour session lasting with the British Government and Congress only were fully attacked. Not a single one of many set aside by leading League members.

Mr Ajmal Khan of Moslem League resolution on the subject was described as absolutely misleading by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad a former President of the Indian National Congress.

Maulana Azad said that the whole Moslem League's resolution was that Congress had not kept its word to Jinnah and in doing so failed to fulfil Pakistan. Even in case Congress is the ultimate culprit, Azad said, it was not justifiable to take such an extreme step.

Jinnah's Failure

The moderate Congress leader Mr. Asaf Ali speaking also in the session says "To blame an innocent party as it has done would amount to which one has committed in which one got trapped in the [illegible] Moslem League is [illegible] in the whole population to [illegible] which other small communities also [illegible] enormous weighting [illegible] the majority community [illegible] than demand in the name [illegible] Democracy and religious [illegible] Jinnah's own doctrine which also he said did [illegible] in which one group was [illegible] bitterly opposed [illegible] Moslem League [illegible]

We shall soon be willing to accept arbitration [illegible] nations [illegible] in all matters, but we cannot hold things up because of those [illegible] nonsense.

"Mr Jinnah's leadership has cost much [illegible] He [illegible] putting his foot on the [illegible] of constructive [illegible] and praises meet him with a frown of contempt. We can pay dearly [illegible] accept [illegible] on necessary [illegible] and communal [illegible] so that we may [illegible] swaraj in peace [illegible] a united [illegible] favourable [illegible]

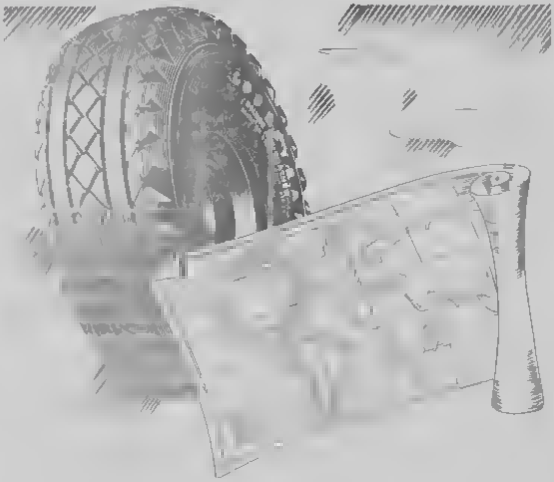
But if Muslim leadership unfortunately insist that Swaraj must begin with ugly demon a religion and politics, I suppose we must face the difficulty.

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A DURBAN DIARY—2

COMPLEXIONS V. CONSCIENCES

By DEVENDAR ANAND

A BLACK complexion or a black conscience—which is more reprehensible? For there can be no question that the defenders of 'white civilisation' in South Africa have their consciences dyed in a hue that is many shades darker than the colour of the skins of the original inhabitants of this country.

And nothing brings this out more clearly than a study of the utterances and the actions of some of the eminent South African political leaders. Between their speeches meant for foreign consumption and their deeds there seems to be fixed an unbridgeable gulf and one can only wonder whether their conduct is due to some split personality or just mass cunning and hypocrisy.

The Liberals

Frankly, nothing is more disheartening than to hear the leaders of so-called liberal trends in the country calmly and without the slightest embarrassment inform you that they dare not express in public even the mildly progressive and humanitarian opinions they had voiced in private for years bygone. In the present state of public opinion, they say, that is impossible.

Public opinion—what canons are committed in its name in South Africa! And yet what is this public opinion composed of? Is 2 oo city of two million people the whites number less than two million—and even amongst their ranks there must be some genuine liberals and left wingers, who are prepared to do without the Divine Right of the white skin.

So when the South African leaders and politicians, men of international reputations express their inability to say or do anything against the colour bar and plead public opinion as an excuse is one being unscrupulous and unreasonable when one doubts not only their courage but also their sincerity?

Facts And Figures

The total area of Natal is 11,250,000 acres. The area of Natal both rural and urban owned or occupied by one European is 1.3 acres. Let it also be remembered that the one European population of Natal vastly outnumbers the European population.

For every acre of land owned or occupied by non-Europeans in Natal, then nearly a 100 acres are owned or occupied by Europeans. When therefore buying of a few additional acres by Indians in Natal is styled as endangering "a status quo ante"—what is one to conclude but that the European is determined by his canons of foul to deprive the one European acre of his single acre, that greed and jealousy have entered so deeply into the 'white mind' in South Africa that the European is not satisfied with his 100 acres but grudges his Indian neighbours even the few paltry pieces of land that he owns.

But what amazes and astonishes one above everything else is the utter blindness of the white mind to South Africa in any lessons offered by history. A poisoned fruit—such as that contained in the experience of other nations and expressed in the conclusion that any nation or state which wants to build its social, political and economic structure on basis of depriving vast sections of its population even of the elementary human rights is building it foundations on sand—is lost upon South African whites.

Grave Of 'White Civilisation'

One would have thought, that at least six years of a grim World War would have brought home to the European mind, the unmanability of accepting the supreme Hitler population of South Africa at the end of a million.

But today more than ever before, the South African whites seem determined to keep the right still as non-Europeans as the slaves and helots of their enemy unity. Instead of any relaxation, the colour bar is daily being more stringently enforced in all spheres of life. Even the last two terms—ing rights of the non-Europeans are daily being fine-tuned upon by streams of pen and new proclamations.

It may be that Mahatma Gandhi has said that the so-called 'white civilisation' is determined to dig its own grave in South Africa. It may be that the allusion was rendered that he should be swept out of South Africa [illegible] violence set in motion by his own folly.

Answer Of History

But one would not feel so pessimistic after all that is the temporary trend of events, if even a handful of the white Africans [illegible] who describe themselves as liberal and who talk in a liberal vein in private and also when they have [illegible] whom of South Africa) have had the courage and [illegible] coins their views openly in their own country and [illegible] know to be wrong if they had pointed out to their fellow countrymen the inevitable consequences of their action.

The unique South African however of all [illegible] leaders, were determined to be led not [illegible] by ignorant and prejudiced sections of [illegible] of being considered of so-called public opinion [illegible] pusillanimous) they are becoming ready and willing to [illegible] public opinion. One thing is certain and even [illegible] South Africa any writers during the four [illegible] as well as many many years ere those so-called [illegible] and there can be no doubt as to the manner which history will give to the questions which in years to come [illegible] pleasure or a black conscience!

A CHRISTIAN REVOLTS

By [illegible]

The following interesting and thought provoking article is culled from the July [illegible] of Common Sense [illegible] in Johannesburg.—



Rev. MICHAEL SCOTT

"The only remedy remains for all of protest against injustice and bad faith" [illegible] the non-European population, the Rev. Michael Scott of Good Street Sophiatown Johannesburg is going to stop paying his taxes to the Government.

In a letter to the Acting, [illegible] Minister Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, Mr. Scott says that the State has been guilty of bad faith, not so much in words—but in its actual dealings with non-European people and therefore withhold as payment [illegible] the equivalent of his taxes in funds or [illegible] needs of non-Europeans.

"The receipts for these amounts which [illegible] forwarded to your department in [illegible] have come in due course. I feel that [illegible] nothing could be but for the cause of [illegible] harmony by Christmas preferring [illegible] necessary before there loyalty to the State.

I wonder what the reaction of Christian people [illegible] Ghana is going to be to this spirited courageous [illegible] unclouded challenge to injustice and wrong.

Having in mind the protests against Government persecution of the Jewish Nazi Germany and the part of the Church [illegible] and Evangelicals remembering the pastoral letters sent [illegible] among English non-Conformists and the [illegible] for the upkeep of Church schools the imprisonment [illegible] of Irish Catholics defying the intent of the Government Code, the Society of Friends in England who went [illegible] tathon thus obey the Carmelick Act [illegible] imprisonment against the Declaration of Indulgence [illegible] in 1687 by those were cognizant of [illegible] and [illegible] non Intel, and countless others including [illegible] from the Epistle to the Hebrews) "Me by faith [illegible] doms, administered justice [illegible] of lions, quenched the power of [illegible] sword, from weakness were [illegible] late [illegible] of whom the world [illegible] of remembering the One accused before [illegible] ing it able to be paid to Caesar —am I [illegible] in duty to my conscience?

There are so many different ways [illegible] Last night a pious Anglican Communicant said "I can't see why [illegible]

[illegible] times. As [illegible] ... cities of South [illegible] ... eventually be a danger to the entire [illegible] ... each of [illegible] ... human disregard of the rights [illegible] ... and well be [illegible] ... Asif what [illegible] ... a Europeans. It would be [illegible] ... dreadful [illegible] ... in the poll tax, and the [illegible] ... Indians. Mayerson, I chose [illegible] ... this public event. What could Asiatics [illegible] ... overcrowded prisons would not have room [illegible] ... Indians.

Perhaps a [illegible] ... claims affecting non-European politics [illegible] ... at meetings, might be allowed,

The Future Of Portuguese India

The Government of Portuguese India has announced that Portuguese India was not to dissolve itself of the Portuguese Mother-land and never mitigate its Indian-ness with the millions of British India from whom it is separated by sub-divisions of [illegible].

Postal Strike Ends

The all-India postmen's telegraphs strike was settled. It last Friday after the General Council of the Federal and State unions Telegraphs Department and the Government. Not all railway The Federation members had to higher grade workers who had remained at their posts during the three weeks of strike of 60,000 lower grade postal and telegraph workers. Last month it was stated which the Federation has accepted [illegible] the increases [illegible] [illegible] suppose about [illegible].

United Nations General Assembly

The language in which [illegible] the United Nations General Assembly when it opens in Washington on September [illegible] is also [illegible] assembly has [illegible] assembly [illegible] assembly [illegible] assembly

CONGRESS WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING MEETS AT WARDHA

[From Our Bombay Correspondent]

MAHATMA GANDHI has reached Wardha on Tuesday to attend the Congress Working Committee which commenced its sittings there on Thursday. In order to be in time Gandhiji did half the journey from Poona by car and caught the Nagpur Mail at a wayside station beyond Kalyan. The Congress Working Committee meets at Wardha for the first time since its inception six months. It met there in 1942 from July 6 to 14 when it adopted the 'Quit India' resolution. Since Gandhiji is in Wardha the political scene has now shifted to Wardha. The Working Committee which is going to sit for five or six days will closely review the political situation. It would devote considerable attention to it is understood in the Constituent Assembly which is scheduled to meet in the morning of September. While considering the Congress proposals in this regard the Working Committee will be formulating its attitude to the All India Muslim League's resolution rejecting the Cabinet Mission's plan and the recommendations.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru the President of the Congress is expected will accompany the Working Committee with the result of the talks he has had with the Viceroy recently at Delhi. While taking stock of the situation the Working Committee will review the entire question of the Central Government by political parties.

Dr. Jivraj who has just arrived from London says the British public cannot help but be that unless a workable solution is found between the Congress and the League, the constituent assembly should start the work of drafting India's constitution. The Moslem League's resentment, they believe, has overshot the mark.

India is continuously paralysed with strikes. Even domestic servants have gone on strike. The Communists are playing a big part in promoting unrest.

Congress Working Committee will survey the labour situation. A special invitation is extended to Mr Gulzarilal Nanda a Labour Minister of the Bombay Government, to attend the Working Committee at Wardha to lay before the position.

THE PRESS IN INDIA ON S.A. INDIAN QUESTION

THE latest [illegible] from India show that all the papers in India, including the vernacular English and the Anglo-Indian have severely criticised the action of the Union Government in passing the Ghetto Act and fully supporting the stand taken by the Indian community.

The Leader [Allahabad] in the course of a leading article writes as follows:—

The Union Government's policy towards Indians and the nations is a violation of the preamble of the United Nations charter which reaffirms faith in fundamental human rights the dignity and worth of the human person and the equal rights of men and women. It flouts fundamental human rights are to apply to white races only and if in addition the white races are free to [illegible] their feelings with non-white races are free to [illegible] human rights. It is futile to deny that the fraud is exposed and the United Nations are known to be the United as Bonded White nations. The non-white races of the world will then know what to do. In addition to being divided into communist and capitalist nations, the world will divide into white and non-white and it is the foundations will be laid for a colour war more devastating than any ideological war. The non-Europeans are the people who are mainly affected by the Atlantic Charter and fully supporting the stand taken by the Indian community.

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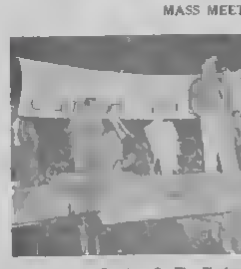
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[illegible] (Madras) which is [illegible] moderate views.

[illegible] matters of relations [illegible] two countries (India [illegible] Africa) and the prese[illegible] [illegible]-brown col struggle [illegible] South African in Hans [illegible] Government. It [illegible] ing etc. I find a situation [illegible] chilling in the [illegible] United Nations Security Co[illegible] South African [illegible] they [illegible] blatant mis[illegible] of the Jan Smuts [illegible] to the United Nations [illegible] presenting [illegible] proposal for [illegible] to implement [illegible] [illegible] without distinction [illegible] sex language [illegible] This is one of the [illegible] [illegible] commend by every country in the Charter [illegible] [illegible] above nation which re[illegible] [illegible] obligation and acts [illegible] [illegible] it must take [illegible] [illegible] for the clause which [illegible] [illegible] the United Nations from [illegible] [illegible] matters which are essentially within the [illegible] jurisdiction of any [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ing the Security Council [illegible] in regard to [illegible] [illegible] insisted in taking [illegible] [illegible] before the Security Council [illegible] asking for the expulsion of South Africa from the United Nations for [illegible] [illegible] Article 6. A government which treats a [illegible] [illegible] minority community belonging to another race as the South African Government have done must be included within the term of civilised nations.

MASS MEETING RECENTLY HELD AT CLAIRWOOD



Speakers On The Platform



The Audience

PASSIVE RESISTERS WELCOMED

(From Our Special Correspondent)

THE first batch of passive resisters, numbering 23 were released from prison on Saturday and were given a right royal welcome at a mass meeting organised by the Natal Indian Congress in Durban's Red Square.

It was an inspiration to see the march of these fighters for freedom and all passive resisters said that they were utterly at home from prison and were determined to get behind prison bars as quickly as possible. "If it can be arranged I will like to lead a batch of passive resisters again this evening," said one passive resister.

Addressing the meeting Councillor Mrs. J. Gool who is to lead a batch of passive resisters in the near future said

I am convinced more than ever before, that South Africa is to day witnessing a real national struggle. We know that the Government of this country has no canon of decency or shame. It has no sense of humanity. We can't enjoy even the just rewards of our own labours. For us there are only the shelter the lessiques and the bazars, the filthy surroundings which should horrify us. India as it is for has tired all her people are whole-heartedly behind us

Mr Maulal Gandhi told the audience that Mahatma Gandhi had asked them to continue the struggle to the end and he was sure they would worthily respond to Mahatmaji's appeal

Mr Gandhi said that instead of talking of treating all oppressed peoples of South Africa, the Indians in this country would be well advised to organise themselves more fully and by their own struggle to set a worthy example which other peoples of South Africa could follow

The chairman of the Passive Resistance Council Mr Dalsi Singh declared "We hope our movement will develop into one of the biggest movements in South Africa. This is not only an Indian struggle. It is the struggle of all non European peoples of South African who are deprived of their elementary rights.

A collection for £1 000 was promoted to the Passive Resistance Fund by Miss Kistenjee. This sum was raised by the students of Sastri College and Durnall Orphanage.

While the meeting was in progress some European hooligans tried to create disturbance by shouting but the audience ignored them and them were no incidents.

PASSIVE RESISTANCE NOTES

ON Friday a group of five passive resisters arrested on Thursday night, August 1 was before the Magistrate at the Durban Court. All were found guilty of trespassing on Council owned land in front of 43 or 30 days imprisonment.

On Friday a batch of five passive resisters went to court arrived at the usual place of the corner of Gale Street and Cuthbert Road. They were all brought before the Magistrate on Saturday morning and were found guilty of trespassing and were each fined £3 or 30 days imprisonment.

On Saturday and Sunday

On Monday a batch of eight passive resisters from Pretoria went to the usual place to court arrest. They were all found guilty of trespassing and were fined £3 or 30 days imprisonment.

On Tuesday night a batch of five passive resisters from the Transvaal were arrested at the usual place and each of them was sentenced on Wednesday to a fine of £3 or 30 days imprisonment.

On Wednesday five passive resisters from Transvaal pleaded guilty before Mr G T Stokes in the Durban Magistrate Court the Thursday to a charge of trespass. They were each fined £3 or 30 days hard labour.

Eight Indians passive resisters from Wentworth were arrested the same night for trespassing on Corporation land.

Incidents In Court

The Magistrate, Mr G T Stokes refused to allow Mr Reddy one of the Passive Resisters to read his statement.

Mr Stokes asked to see it before it was read and then said "His statement appears to have nothing to do with the matter before the Court which has no interest in political matters. If you have anything to say in mitigation of this charge of trespass I am prepared to hear it, but I am not prepared to hear you on political considerations. The statement was not read.

Mr L. P. Williams another Passive Resister was told by the Magistrate Mr G T Stokes to remove his head gear

Williams told the Court that it was a national headdress and he considered it his duty to wear it. He was sworn by all Hindus. Parsees and others.

Williams added that it was a matter of choice whether they wore them or not.

Mr Stokes: You refuse to take it off?—Yes.

The case was then adjourned and when it resumed Mr Stokes asked Williams again that it reason for wearing the cap.

Williams said the cap had national and religious significance

[illegible] out wars to Court on [illegible] Municipal but in respect [illegible] was worn at religious [illegible] and other gatherings of importance They had never before been prohibited from wearing them in the Courts in South Africa.

Mr Stokes accepted the statement and Williams was allowed to wear it.

Russia's Interest In S.A. Indian Question

NOT as long ago Parliament of the Union of South Africa passed a reactionary bill directed against the Indian minority in South Africa. Many years ago hundreds of thousands of Indians Indians, fleeing from hunger and to South Africa where wealthy landlords were pleased to exploit their cheap labour. Simultaneously the Smuts Indian initiated reactionaries to limit the rights of Indians and thus avert the possibility of organised Indian protest against their ruthless exploitation.

During the period of sixty years Indian immigrants were deprived of all elementary rights the possibility of receiving such civil or university education was very limited. The recent bill passed by Parliament makes the inequality of Indians even more marked and renders the situation for them initially unbearable. In accordance with this law the right of ownership of citizens of Asiatic origin in the Union of South Africa in contrast to certain areas. Actually it means seizure of land owned by Indians and their expulsion to areas which will be converted into Indian Ghettos. The law stipulates that persons of Asiatic origin may only be represented by Europeans in Parliament that is, Indians have been deprived of the right to be elected

This discriminatory act met in deep Legislation has aroused popular indignation in democratic countries and just calmly among Indians in India. Under public pressure the Indian Government broke off trade relations with Union of South Africa and recalled her representative and submitted the question to General Assembly of United Nations.

The Indian minority of South Africa responded to the unjust law with the passive resistance campaign. On practice of passive resistance is unauthorised occupation of land which in accordance with the law, person of Asiatic race is not permitted to occupy. Acting on the basis of a seventy year-old law making illegality of occupation of unowned land, the authorities arrested the participants with the Darling July almost [illegible] sentenced to [illegible] each. All refused to pay. A protest they are still being with a subscription of three pence per [illegible] and they refused to [illegible] authorities have got ill [illegible] leading to [illegible] The [illegible] law is [illegible] worded that it enables the authorities to [illegible] unduly [illegible] people in hard [illegible] as other masses than [illegible] The present [illegible] by [illegible] camps on plots which the authorities want to take away from them. This new law [illegible] recently been introduced but already Colonel [illegible] out to [illegible] many [illegible] out of all leaders of [illegible] national movement. The [illegible] of the movement [illegible] that [illegible] will [illegible] the struggle. Broad masses [illegible] participating have aroused [illegible] solidarity [illegible] oppressed [illegible] [illegible] have given great [illegible] revival of Fascist [illegible] and practical [illegible]



A Batch of Women Passive Resisters doing their term as Prisons

Notice To Local Authorities

On Land Needs Of Indians

All local authorities are hereby informed that the Commissioner for Immigration and Asiatic Affairs has given the Indian members of the communities an opportunity to co-operate in making all due provision for their land needs at a minute which will be considered by the executive committee of the Municipal Association of the Transvaal in Pretoria on next Saturday.

The suggestion is that local committees of the local authorities should be delegated as such as small committees representing the Indians of the various districts. The two committees to sit at Pretoria and thrash the matter out before the mission.

In matters of giving and taking on both sides there must be the possibility of give and take. It has been found in the case of Pretoria and Johannesburg that it should be possible to arrive at a settlement.

When the preliminary work has been completed in any place the case has to be heard by the stage where it can be referred to the Land Tenure Advisory Board which has begun its labours with headquarters in Natal.

Municipal boroughs exempted several small areas for Asiatic occupation and occupation along the line of The Rooiepoort Municipality however was the only Municipality which had reached the stage at which it could be forseen where it could be said that definite provision had been made.

The majority of councils had decided that willingness to do the correct thing but, chiefly owing to the lack of co-operation in the past it had not been possible to show results.

A few towns had made sufficient progress to enable the Minister to refer their cases to the Board for inquiry. They had demarcated areas, prepared survey plans and framed conditions regarding the Government to go to Parliament for the necessary resolutions assigning land for Asiatic acquisition and occupation.

If there was to be a lasting settlement acceptable to all parties plus men would have to be made as far as possible in co-operation with the Indian section of the community.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Natal Indian Congress held meetings during the week at Tongaat, Verulam and Pinetown. Twenty-five new members enrolled. Donations amounted to £1 at Isipingo.

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A meeting was held in the Town Hall Schweizer Reneke Transvaal on July — presided by Mr D I Cajee Mr A. Goel and others spoke. Mrs Goel appealed for funds and Schweizer Reneke gave £500. Among the donors were Messrs. Cajee and family £1 0 and Messrs. Mahomed Ismail and Sons, £150.

A mass meeting under the auspices of the Cape Indian Congress (Port Elizabeth Branch) was held at the City Hall on Sunday July 28. Over five hundred people were present. Mr. B. S. Hamim presided. Among the speakers were Dr. S. V. Appavoo, Mrs. A. Vayej, Dr. K. T. Dhorab, Mr. P. O. Kaplan and Mr. Dalal Singh of Durban. Nine persons volunteered to join the Passive Resistance campaign and a collection of £240 was taken. The meeting passed a resolution declaring its solidarity with the Passive Resistance campaign launched by the Natal and Transvaal Indian Congress, and expressing its admiration for the courage, discipline and sacrifices of the passive resisters who have suffered imprisonment as a result of their defiance of the Ghetto Act. Another resolution called upon all democratic and freedom loving people to render every possible assistance to the struggle of the Indian people, and demanded that the Government immediately repeal the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act which is contrary to all principles of democracy.

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The fifteenth anniversary celebration and eighth Andhra Mahasabha was held for the first time at Pathamajerani Andhra Institute, Clairwood. The award for the Highest Proficiency to the Pathasala obtaining best results went to the Ram View Andhra Sabha. Pantaea Hill and Tongaat were second and third respectively. The Trophies and Certificates were presented to the winning pathasalas by Mr V. Appalraju of Port Shepstone who is the Trustee of the Andhra Maha Sabha of S. Africa.

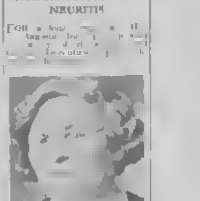
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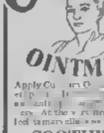
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THE CALL FOR SACRIFICE

"WHAT one person is doing I may not be physically or spiritually able to do. But something I must do with all my heart and soul. Service is the cult of this black race. No race has a right to live that is unable or cannot in one way or another show his personal worthy fruit upon the altar of humanity. And let not one approach another thing. All things count the same. If true in spirit they are the same with God."

—Rev. John Haynes Holmes.

Indian Opinion

Friday 16th August 1946

Too Late In The Day

THE first fruit of our sufferings is that South Africa has begun to realise the gravity and seriousness of the Indian question which is shaping itself into a first class international issue. General Smuts who has all along been contending that the Indian question of the Union is purely one of domestic concern and no outside interference would be brooked has now decided to go to UNO and is taking with him Senator D. G. Shepstone who it is said is well versed with the position of Indians in Natal to act as his adviser. This should strengthen our faith in our struggle and intensify our efforts to bring it to a successful issue. Let it not be forgotten that the ultimate success of our struggle will depend not on any amount of talk that goes on at U. N. O. but entirely on the strength that we are able to show in this country. If we have not the stamina to fight for our freedom freedom will not come to us.

The *Natal Daily News* in its issue of August 10 finds General Smuts's decision to go to UNO but expresses the hope that all the emphasis will not be thrown on the political answers we are striving to make. Our contemporary goes on to suggest that attention may usefully be driven to the positive work of enfranchisement being carried out among the Indians in combating TB and malnutrition. The work being done at the Springfield sub-economic housing scheme, the papel states would gratifyingly astonish Senator Shepstone himself and which investigated *throw a brilliant light on the appalling depth and complications of this problem* (Italics are ours).

Our contemporary goes on further to say:

> For the rest it is vitally important that during the weeks ahead nothing should be done, especially in Durban, to weaken efforts at framing the Act into a working agreement. We would reiterate our plea for some responsible and representative voluntary committee to be appointed in order to further its constructive implementation. Above all, this is not the time to let Indian propaganda activities disturb coolness. There must be no listening to the crypto-Fascist ravings of the Natal Mercury. Let us rather invoke the utmost patience and tolerance. Let us comprehend in full seriousness the nature of the issues at stake. It is a fight flung in this stormy angry world to run the risk of being stigmatised as International criminals. It is also of any value to appeal again for a greater sense of responsibility on the part of those Indian leaders who accepted South Africa as their own country? Will they not see that co-operation between differing communities and races demands a practical turn of mind, a refusal to trace theories into principles? Logic, principle and political definition though they possess great value, must continually be adjusted to the claims of compromise and working settlement.

Does this advice not come rather too late in the day? Official records have it that Indians in the Union have been always a peaceful and law abiding community. Indians have never aspired for political power. The very fact that it closed down policy in regard to new Indian immigrants was agreed to by the Indian community under the Smuts-Gandhi Settlement was an earnest of that. What Indians have all along asked is to be allowed to live as self respecting human beings. But White Settlers insisted on their living as hewers of wood and drawers of water.

And it was [illegible] legislation after [illegible] when [illegible] the [illegible] would [illegible] because of the [illegible] a handful [illegible] Europeans—[illegible] British [illegible] pleasure. The Government dared to throw the opposition of the two but did and why thousand Indians of the Union until Indian Independence people of Indian origin to please these [illegible] of European agitators. And what can did the Indians submit to deserve this humiliating legislature to be imposed upon them? Indians did purchase properties freely wherever Europeans were willing to sell and they paid considerably heavy prices for them. Does that mean that they desire to buy the whole of Durban? Facts prove otherwise.

The facts are that the Indian population of Durban is almost equal to that of the European. Yet Indians possess not more than 4 per cent of the total acreage of the Borough. A few well to do Indians have purchased sites which number about 8,8 which constitutes the bulk of their position. But bulk of these sites were either closely contiguous to Indian areas in process of becoming predominantly Indian or in areas surrounded by Indian [illegible] although still mainly European. The

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"The world was a law until [illegible] of years old according [illegible] its scientists. Man was perhaps ten or twenty thousand years old. When one considered the progress man had made in that time one realised that he had not done too badly. He was still making mistakes but learning from his failures should some rich experience and knowledge. Man had learned to have kindness, sympathy, mercy and pity for his own family, his own section of society, even for his own nation. These virtues he still had to learn to apply to all mankind. Because he had not learned that lesson the world was now plunged into warfare and man was enduring a long martyrdom."

Would that South Africa learned that much needed lesson and saved the world from another conflagration.

NOTES AND NEWS

Alleged Ill-treatment in Jail

Passive resisters who have been released from the Durban Central Prison during the past few days have been complaining to the Natal Indian Congress about their treatment by European warders. They allege that they were subjected to unnecessary severities. They were subjected to search twice daily. It is stated to a most insulting fashion. Prisoners were made to undress completely in the yard without privacy. European prisoners were in close proximity. In the case of meals by one of the passive resisters it was stated that Europeans who complained of feeling sick or ill were given big cans of water all and Polish Europeans about 10 a.m. and Thursday morning to one the following Monday. Sanitary facilities were crude, and the only food they received was barley water twice a day. On the Thursday afternoon all 2 were found guilty by the prison officer of failing to eat given one day an Asian diet and two on half rations. The behaviour of the Native warders is to be deplored," stated another passive resister from Indiana. They did not refuse to clean up after themselves. It was necessary to press a button. The secretary of the Natal Indian Congress has telegraphed the Director of Prisons in Pretoria requesting an immediate inquiry into an alleged assault by a European on three passive resisters in the Durban prison at Sobantu, August 11. The telegram gives the names of the three complainants as Dr. Y. Patel, H. Patel and H. Randeniam.

If this assault of ill-treatment and the other passive resisters in prison can be proved they should shock all people with any sense of decency. If these methods are to be adopted to break the spirit of those who are fighting for the moral means of honourably settling important challenging there is no doubt the world is reverting back to the age of barbarism. It is to be hoped the authorities will, for the sake of human decency, take all the necessary steps to put an end to what appears to be a sordid affair. At the same time the passive resisters must remember that they will have to face these and many more hardships worse than these and they must courageously bear them.

O.F.S. And India's Boycott

At the annual congress of the Free State Agricultural Union held at Bloemfontein it was agreed on a unanimous resolution to the boycott of South African by India, to recommend that the Government should prohibit the export of rupees by Indians in this country to India and to stop the flow of money out of the Union. This decision was taken when the congress was discussing the shortage of hops the supply of which India had cut off. It was agreed to ask the Government to make provision for sufficient grain and wool bags for the coming season. Mr. S. J. de Swardt, chief of the Division of Economics and Markets stated that the position for this year was safe but that difficulty would arise in years to come. Temporary arrangements would have to be made. For instance, paper bags and drums might be used for certain commodities. It was a challenge that had to be met.

CONGRESS' OFFER TO MOSLEMS

Troubled Months In India

The Calcutta correspondent of the *Natal Daily News* writes:—

A troubled month has closed for Bengal reaching its peak about August 16 at which time unnamed strike motives are due to expire, and on that date the Moslem League has decided to hold a "Direct Action Day" throughout the province in connection with the recent League High Command's decision to reject the British Cabinet delegation's proposals and cancel its direct action in seeking Pakistan. There are to be mass meetings and demonstrations and fears are expressed that these may lead to disturbances. As a Moslem League Government is in power in Bengal it will be left to them to maintain law and order. The League's decision has had many unfavourable repercussions throughout the country and the generally serious prevailing attitude by League leaders is greatly damaging the Moslems cause and there is a growing volume of opinion that if the League persists in its present determination and has nothing to do with the constituent assembly the Congress may be asked in form a Central Government themselves. It is felt that this is the only way out of the present impasse and it is even supposed that if the Congress formed a Government they would ask the Moslem League to join in, which the League would probably do for fear of being completely by passed in the government of the country.

Mr Jinnah's Denial

Mr. Jinnah the president of the Moslem League, speaking at Bombay about the Congress party's acceptance of the Viceroy's invitation to form a government, said "I know nothing of what is going on between the Viceroy and Congress or the president Mr Jinnah referred to his previous statement about the Congress party's resolution of last Saturday, pleading for an attempt to make the constituent assembly a success. He remarked he knew that the Congress resolution contained nothing new

Near-Equality In Cabinet

The London correspondent of the *Natal Daily News* states:

The line drawn up for the interim Government of India by Pandit Nehru, President of the Indian National Congress Party, consists of six Congress members, five members of the Moslem League and three members of the minority communities, it is learned.

Mr Nehru has already sent a formal letter to Mr Jinnah, President of the Moslem League inviting the co-operation of the League in the formation of the interim government.

There is of course touch with the Congress in love may that if this offer is rejected the Congress broad front will suggest that the whole Cabinet be filled with nominees, making dun provision for mis sr ise, including Moslems Congress, they say is prepared to go to the limit and at to win over the Moslem League and give it every facility to join the Coalition Government.



The leader of the Capetown Passive Resister's batch Mrs. Z Gool addressing a meeting in Durban Maulel Saloojee is by her side.

Mr Jinnah's negative reaction to the Congress Party Working Committee's tentative weekend appeal to the Moslem League has caused regret among Congress leaders but they nevertheless hope that developments might yet induce the League's leader to change his attitude. The statement however is not very hopeful

Mr Nehru is expected to leave Wardha for Bombay where it is possible he may endeavour to see Mr Jinnah personally After a brief stay he will fly to New Delhi during the week-end for discussions with the Viceroy Lord Wavell.

If the Moslems League does not accept the Congress offer they will find themselves in a most difficult position because owing to the backing Congress has got throughout the country compared with the League following Congress can quite easily work the new constitution

The League is still maintaining that they must have parity with Congress in the Interim Government but in this Congress will never agree, as they represent 300,000 000 people, including many Moslems who are followers of Congress in preference to the League, which represents only 80,000,000 people Their parity demand therefore is out of all proportion to the numbers they represent.

There is no doubt, however that if the League does not accept Congress will go ahead themselves.

To emphasise their various demands the Leagues are holding a Direct Action Day on Friday when all mass demonstrations, speeches will be made against the British Government and also of course against Congress.

It is supposed to be on Article 6 basis, how the only Provision where it is likely to be successful is Bengal where the Moslem League Government up the four of great attitudes has declared Friday a public holiday.

Even in Sind the other Provinces with a Moslem League Ministry there will not be any holiday But the success of the day in Bengal depends on the Communists. The League went complete stoppage of work and as the principal unions including all transport workers, are now controlled by Communists it will depend on them whether there is to be stoppage of work or not. The Communists have not yet announced their decision and violent overtures are being made by the League in get their support.

Moslem Day Of Hartal

The Moslem League head quarters in Bombay instructed Moslems through out the province in whatever way at her it (stoppage of work) and to suggest all business on August 16 as part of a Direct Action Day fixed by the Moslem League Council This was called in protest against the British long-term constitutional plan for India.

Biggest Political Event Of The Week

Our Bombay correspondent states:—

Lord Wavell's invitation to Congress to accept proposals for the immediate formation of the Interim Government in the big most political event this week Barring Muslim Leaguers all India applauds Wavell's swift move and the British Cabinet's earnestness in solve the Indian constitutional deadlock Mahatma Gandhi is pleased that the British Government is playing the game in implementing its promise of transfer of power to the Indian people. Congress Working Committee also rose equally to the occasion despite Mr. Jinnah's denunciation and ultralic attitude. A special message has been sent from Wardha inviting the League's president to lend his co operation in the formation of the interim Government. Pandit Nehru arrived in Bombay on Thursday and will be flying to Delhi on Friday afternoon or Saturday where he is likely to see the Viceroy Sardar Vallabh bhai Patel and Dr Azad Congress is likely to maintain the same ratio of six five and eleven which is how it is to include Nationalist Muslims. The new Government, composed of popular representatives is expected to take office early next week

PASSIVE RESISTANCE NOTES

A group of eight Wentworth Indian passive resisters which was arrested on Wednesday night was charged before Mr G T. Stokes in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Thursday August 8, with trespassing on the Corporation land at the camel pens. They were each fined £3 or 30 days hard labour.

Five Durban Indian passive resisters, led by a young shop assistant, were arrested on Thursday night for the same charge at the same place.

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Friday, who led a group, and four others, pleaded guilty on Friday before the Durban



Some Of The Released Passive Resisters

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Ten Indian passive resisters led by Sirajgunj were arrested on Sunday night for trespassing. The group was led by Mr V. P. Naidoo secretary of the Satyagraha Passive Resistance Council. No passive resisters were arrested on Monday night.

A final warning to Indian passive resisters to stop shouting in Court was given by Mr G T Stokes when 11 Indians pleaded guilty before him in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Monday to a charge of trespassing. The leader of the group read a long statement and ended it with the words "We shall resist." The other Indians repeated the three words in a loud voice. Mr Stokes said: "I want to give you a final warning. Shouting in Court is contempt of Court. I will not have people shouting. This Court is entertained with legal issues only and the plaintiff consists of people in regard to one interpretation of the by-laws." The Indians were each fined £3 or 30 days' hard labour.

A similar group of five Indian passive resisters who were arrested on Friday evening pleaded guilty on Saturday to a charge of trespass. They were each fined £3 or 30 days' hard labour.

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Five young Durban Indians led by Harilal N Maolice (21) a salesman, were each fined £3 or 30 days' imprisonment with hard labour on Sunday for trespassing.

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A Capetown City Councillor Mrs. Z Gool who together with 17 Indian passive resisters—8 women and 9 men—were arrested on Monday night for trespassing on Corporation land were each fined £3 or 30 days' hard labour. Five of the women being mothers of young children had the option of a fine of £1 or 7 days' imprisonment.

The telegram alleges that the Indians were made to undress in the open and then to jump and bend. This treatment the telegram continues was not meted out to European prisoners.

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A mass meeting of Indians was held on Friday August 9 by the Durban branch of the India League. Approximately 3,000 Indians attended. A resolution was adopted pledging support for complete independence of India. The meeting also paid tribute to the many hundreds of volunteers who have been imprisoned for refusing to submit to the Ghosa Act, and resolving to continue the struggle for its immediate repeal. A resolution was adopted calling upon the United Nations to appeal to the South African Indians once when it meets before the United Nations General Assembly. The speakers were Mr Alex Wanless, M.P., Dr. B. T. Chetty chairman of the Durban branch of the India League Mr D. A. Goolam and Mr. H. A. Naidoo a visitor from Capetown.

MR. POLAK ON THE GHETTO ACT

MR H S L. POLAK who was in South Africa and took an active part in the Passive Resistance campaign conducted by Mahatma Gandhi against racial legislation from 1907 to 1914 writes as follows in the *Manchester Guardian*:—

Thirty-two years ago Mr Gandhi left South Africa for his motherland after signing a "gentlemen's agreement" with General Smuts, thereby bringing to an end the seven years' passive resistance struggle under his inspiration and leadership.

The main purpose of that struggle in which I was a small participant, was to protest against Indian racial legislation aimed primarily against the Transvaal Indian community, condemning them to segregation of a yet more pronounced character than that to which, under the Republican regime. But its other major purpose was to demand the extension of this type of legislation to Natal where the great bulk of the South African Indian population was mapped up by means of the transgression restrictions of the other provinces of the Union.

Today, 38 years later, a new Indian passive resistance struggle has been launched in Natal, and already, hewing deliberately asserted arrest several of the Natal Indian leaders have been imprisoned. The reason is that the spirit of the 1914 Gandhi-Smuts agreement and the various other agreements with the Indian community and the Government of India has been disstroyed by General Smuts's Government under pressure from its Natal European supporters.

The new statute (known throughout India as the ghetto law) has been rushed through the Union Parliament despite the most urgent and emphatic protests of the Government of India, whose duties it is to report to the Union a negotiating deadlock had been my yearly reported by the Union Government the law effects adversely an Indian community numbering less than a quarter of a million—less than 10 per cent of the entire population of Natal—some tenths of South African birth, overwhelmingly urban in method of life, and anxious, in fulfilment of the obligation of all parties to the Capetown Agreement of 1926—which the Union Government and the Natal Administration have largely failed to honour—to live according to Western standards. Whilst establishing permanent property threshold Natal like so many other principle in respect of trade, residence and franchise by which Europeans have provided it a small and long-established racial superiority franchise by way I "concessions" like the other vital rights taken away from the Natal Indian community.

The point that must be is that, because of South African attitude and the complete ignoring of Indian opinion, the Government of India has denounced the trade agreement with the Union, imposed an embargo on emigrant labour, disabilities upon South Africans temporarily or permanently resident in India and recalled from the Union the Indian High Commissioner. As a final measure of protest, Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, on behalf of his Government has, in the absence of effective Commonwealth consultative machinery, referred the dispute to the United Nations Assembly for consideration at its meeting in September.

Years ago the British Government, in recognition of South Africa's sovereign independence and of India's rapid growth towards Commonwealth equality of status laid these matters for free discussion between the two Governments with members. Now that economic and diplomatic relations between them have been broken what part will the country play at the Assembly when the matter comes up for discussion? Where do we and America stand on racial issues?

WHITHER RELIGION IN THE WEST?

By A DOROTHY BARNS in Prabuddha Bharata

In the course of my talks in Canada I would seem that I am well travelled and know intimately the peoples of the world. This is not so, because my journeys to other countries have been purely holiday trips. Nevertheless the literature of the world helps to fill in the gaps in experience and enables one to make closer contacts with the inhabitants of other nations.

Writing as I think, a good representation of Western thought and action, and so in dealing with the attitude of the Western world to religion I shall speak of the average man and woman as I meet them in everyday life.

I must say that the average person one who accepts the orthodox system of thought to all appearances like. I think that it is true that one is forced in all of that the ordinary run of life of the West has been estimated that in the town and American only between twelve and fifteen per cent of people go to any place of worship. It may be said that a Roman Catholic percentage of practising church service [illegible] is a good percentage in comparison with a [illegible] so religious. As any [illegible] answers [illegible] last winter Bishop [illegible] a Christian nation [illegible] and are the latter about that seem up the middle of man's attitude to religion. It is what one does that matters not many beliefs. It is true that many people go to places of worship, particularly those who are members of the State Church—because it is the thing to do, it is the half mark of respectability. It helps to consume the orthodox system in religious thought, but such observance does not necessarily make a person spiritual or even religious.

In the West man has developed his reasoning, logical mind to a high degree, but he has not yet crossed the bridge that spans the gulf of consciousness which will lead him a step further on in his evolutionary path to the higher mentality of abstract thought. The man in the street, the Tom, Dick or Harry of everyday life, who typifies the average man has not yet gone beyond the surface-thinking of the material life.

If one were invited out to dinner to say well-to-do family of pot was (days, one would all done to a round of several courses. At public functions one might partake of five, six or seven more courses, the last of which is called dessert. Here are nibbles of fruits or nuts, but it is only a faint to a great in past. The mind might be compared in much a dinner. There are many layers of mind and depths of thought. The first layer, or surface-thinking, could it likened to resume be thought of in the way we regard the last course of our dinner, as the dessert. Mental dessert consists of newspaper and novels which form the opinions and general outlook on life to many. Horse and dog-racing, hunting fishing, football and cricket fill their leisure hours with sport. The cinema, cards, dancing, and dining are their entertainments. Excessive smoking, drinking and gambling are some of their vices. If of a religious temperament, the surface-thinkers accept the orthodox creeds and dogmas of whatever sect or religion they may be born into—though the thinking done by them Wordsworth must have had in he mind the surface-thinkers when he wrote

> He who feels contempt
> For any living thing hath
> faculties
> Which he has never used
> thought with the
> feet in infancy.

Few humanitarians and reformers are found among the millions whose mental lives are still a perpetual dessert course. Philosophy, art, science, and psychology belong to the deeper layers of mind and are expressed only in the lives of the few. Those who have begun to build the bridge in consciousness between the lower and higher mentality on the conscious and abstract thought.

The foregoing is a fairly accurate picture of the average man of the West and if the vision of war burst upon the world and brought change and upheaval into the lives of all for few escaped the distress and horror that was let loose upon the so-called civilized world. Men and women were called from all classes and strata of life to serve in the forces the mines, the factories, and the hospitals. Death was faced and lost of life and loved ones in the [illegible] of millions. Change and decay were everywhere. Yet [illegible] the welter of tribulation and despair a new hope was born



Reception in honour of the ante and women Passive Resisters after their release from Durban jail

in mankind. The people of the West [illegible] it will not [illegible] the countrymen overnight there will be set [illegible] and dispassionate music, but the spiritual [illegible] [illegible] and towards a better life for the masses. Men in new [illegible] look [illegible] [illegible] giving place to interest and he is ahead by moving an words and upwards. The day of the [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] more interested in ideas, in a better way of life [illegible] [illegible] this [illegible] changes. Thousands [illegible] of deep spiritual significance and are becoming more and more noticeable in the [illegible]

The West [illegible] essentially materialistic in practice but [illegible] [illegible] dissatisfied with the [illegible] life and its purpose [illegible] [illegible] who have suffered. The [illegible] of the West in the [illegible] [illegible] show forth [illegible] [illegible] with the people [illegible] [illegible] what I always use [illegible] [illegible] in social [illegible] [illegible] and manners. A [illegible] [illegible] we [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] people may [illegible] they [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] but it does not [illegible] [illegible] kind [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Things In General

(Extracts From Sapa-Reuter Reports)

Indir To Send Delegation To UNO

The Standing Committee of the Commonwealth Relations Department of the Government has decided that a strong, semi-official delegation should place India's case against South Africa before the United Nations which meets on September 21 with the South African Indian immigration question on its agenda. The committee, which consists of seven members picked from the House of the Central Legislature, was presided over by Sir Gramnath Sastur a Commonwealth Relations Member. The committee also expressed the view that India was entitled to be represented on the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations because of her interest in the colonies of the Indian Ocean and the presence of a fairly large number of Indians in these territories. The committee felt that unless these territories were directly administered by the Trusteeship Council India should be associated with their administration.

Indian Delegation To East Africa

The Government of India will shortly send a delegation to East Africa to impress on the East African Governments the urgency of dropping the proposed racial legislation which has already caused the first conflict in the Legislative Council. A former Agent-General to South Africa Sir Maharaj Singh will lead the delegation.

East African Indians

A deputation of East African Indians and Congress leaders at Wardha last week explained to them the conditions in East Africa. Pandit Nehru told the delegation that it was his desire to visit East Africa as soon as possible.

Gandhiji's Letter To Governor General Of Portugese India

In a letter addressed to the Governor General of Portuguese India published in his own paper, *Harijan*, Mahatma Gandhi stated that civil liberty must rate action and only in God can also be other foreigners colonies such as Mozambique Limpopo and in hinterland all of which he had visited. Recalling the recent political unrest in Goa and the deportation of its Goanese leader Dr Bragansa, Gandhiji wrote that in spite of a state of terror" Mahatma Hindhi was minded I hope you will withdraw all African police leaders yourself while necessary has liberty and it possible at once that the Goa inhabitants become their own Government invite from greater India more experienced Indians to assist the inhabitants and even you in friendly such a Government.

Free To Decide Their Own Future

The Congress Working Committee passed a resolution that the Portuguese Colony of Goa has always been and must continue to be a part of India. The resolution referred to Portugal as a "country which has an authoritarian and reactionary administration which denies democracy and civil liberty and which in its colonies carries on the worst form of colonial rule." The resolution appreciated the recent statement by Mr C F Barne, the Governor of French India that the people of French India are free to decide their own future and may if they choose join the Indian Union. Goa and the Islands which made up Portuguese India cover an area of 1 547 square miles. French India covers one of five small widely scattered colonies, covering 196 square miles. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru the Congress president, commenting on this yesterday said "Goa and the Islands of foreign territory must continue politically. They are continuous culturally.

An International Scandal

A protest at the sending of Indian troops to Java, ensured at Iran and yet not to South Africa was voiced by Mr Dewan Chaman Lal leader of the Indian trade mission to the Argentine, before his departure from London for the United States. "The Indian people without any distinction has made "all accept this step and they will not be content that the move is an incomplete one so that the excuse is correct. We are in South Africa Indians the and properly so disagreed, but no step has been taken by the British Government of Africa in interests and stop the genocidium being perpetrated against my country or to suggest that there is any necessity for the dispatch of Indian troops in order to prevent what has actually become an international scandal." Mr Chaman Lal added: "We, who are fighting for our freedom cannot countenance with equanimity a situation in which we are called upon to become the hangmen of other people's freedom, and I hope the Government of India will consider their decision and withdraw the troops without delay."

Effigy Of Smuts Burned In Lahore

An effigy of General Smuts was burned in the market place at Lahore by the "Qaadi Khidmatgare" in a protest against the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act.

Ban On Forward Bloc Lifted By Government

The Government of India has lifted the long year ban on the All India Forward Bloc formed by Subhas Chandra Bose whose death in a plane crash was announced by the Japanese after they surrendered. Established by Bose as a parallel to the Congress Party the Forward Bloc was banned because of contact with the Japanese. The Congress Party refused to follow Bose, who was then president in a programme of direct action against the British. After war broke out the Forward Bloc stood for non participation in the war by India and also for resistance to the utilisation of India's economic resources in war purposes.

Food Position Still Critical

The food position in India is still critical, Mr W H Kirby, rationing adviser to the Government told a meeting of the national rationing and nutrition advisory panel in Simla. "Every year 5,000,000 in 6 000,000 more mouths have to be fed" he said. Food control and rationing measures must continue if the people were to be fed and their confidence in the Government's ability to feed them was to be maintained otherwise the country's ethos would collapse.

Congress Opposed To Emigration To Malaya

The Congress Working Committee has passed a resolution opposing proposals for assuming the emigration of Indian labour to Malaya in view of the treatment accorded to Indian labour in foreign countries, and asking the Government in case steps that no Indian labour would be sent to Malaya or any other foreign country.

Abolition Of Zemindari System

A bill abolishing the Punjab Legislative Assembly passed the Congress Ministry's resolution to abolish the Zemindari system of land tenure—a century old system of hereditary landlords as intermediaries between government and tenants let the purpose of land reasons collective. The Congress Working Committee announced yesterday ruling that the resolution was a first step to the Ministry's programme of full social reconstruction of all economic activity in the province, including the abolition of capitalism.

National Cadet Corps

The government has decided to establish a national cadet corps throughout India to increase the number of potential officers for the services. A committee has already been set up to make recommendations for the establishment of the corps.

INDIANS PERMITTED TO BUY GOLD

Some 200 Indian jewellers in Natal are being permitted to buy a overweight gold without the payment of any Income Tax, an police transport permits although it is prohibited by law according to evidence given before the Parliamentary Select Committee on Public Accounts in February this year.

The question was raised by Captain W D. Hare, M P a member of the Committee who pointed out that the Natal Act No 1 of 1909 confined the purchase of gold to Europeans, who had to pay a fee of £5 a year for the right yet Indians were allowed to do it without payment.

Mr J S Muller, Secretary for Mines said that for reasons of policy the position had not been disturbed. It was not a matter for the Department of Mines but for the police, who through the issue of transport permits were able to keep a check on the trade in gold by jewellers.

Mr F Wanup M P., said that the issue of so many permits to so many Indians in Natal seemed in his case to be illicit and I dealings to a considerable extent. Mr Muller said that the Natal Mines Act contemplated the licensing of all dealers in gold in Natal but the law advisers had in 1915 ruled that it was wrong to issue them to Indians and they were not going to issue the licensing licenses that were responsible.

The matter of issuing permits has been considered by successive Ministers of Mines who had instructed as a matter of policy that no action should be taken and the issue of police permits should be allowed to continue, in spite of the loss to the Treasury of about £1 000 a year to licensing fees.

Mr H F Mull Controller and Auditor-General said it could not be considered a matter of policy for Ministers had the right to countervene a law of Parliament. Between 1915 and 1943 no lessons had been issued to Indians but in 1943 the issue of permits had been allowed, with the knowledge that it was definitely illegal.

Mr Waring pointed out that the Auditor-General had reported on the issue of permits to which Mr Smit answered that the facts and the legal position were quite clear and what had been done had been done in direct conflict with the law In his report Mr Smit had also said that action was suspended at the direct instance of the then Minister of Mines.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Senator D. Shepstone, who has been invited by General Smuts to accompany him as an adviser to the General Assembly of U.N.O. in September, was received by the Prime Minister at Lulus Buildings on Monday. The Minister of the Interior Senator C F Clarkson the Administrator of Natal Mr D. H. Mitchell, and the Chief Government Law Adviser Dr L C Steyn were present at the meeting.

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Mr G Heaton Nicholls Union High Commissioner in England and other members from South Africa House will probably accompany General Smuts to America to answer fully Indian charges against the Union a treatment of the Indian community before UNO the political correspondent of the *Daily Herald* learns. Another who will leave South Africa early next month with Senator D G Shepstone, who has accepted the Prime Minister's invitation to proceed with the delegation will be Dr L. C Steyn, the Government's Chief Law Advisor As the legal representative who framed the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act which has caused the present controversy Dr Steyn will be able to advise on all questions affecting the legal implications of the measure.

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The Natal Municipal Association has it is understood appointed its president Mr A. L. Harris, J P Deputy Mayor of Durban, to proceed to the United States to assist, if necessary the Government's delegation at U N O next month. Mr Harris will also take such steps as he may think necessary to counteract adverse Indian propaganda

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At a meeting at the Natal Indian Congress headquarters £100 was donated to a fund to assist the Native mine-workers who are at present out on strike on the Rand. A resolution supporting the strike reads We realise that their struggle is part of our struggle for a decent life

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Mr Shahid Ahmad Khan a former Indian High Commissioner in South Africa, in an interview attributed the strength of the passive resistance movement in South Africa to Mahatma Gandhi's inspiration

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The Bombay Provincial Congress Committee at its meeting held on August 7 passed a resolution covering Indians in South Africa of the full support of the citizens of Bombay in their passive resistance campaign

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More than 6,000 employees of the Imperial Bank of India have gains on stake to a 30 per cent increase in salary according to the Bank of India staff association.

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Mr H. G. Wells, the celebrated author died at his London home on August 13, at 4 p.m. at the age of 79 He had suffered from diabetes for some time

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The Native Strike And Its Lesson

ABOUT fifty thousand of the 300 000 natives employed on the Witwatersrand mines went on strike on Monday last week. They were demanding a wage of 10s a day. Seventeen mines were affected in varying degrees and about 1600 policemen were called out on special duty to maintain law and order. This they effectively did according to a Rand paper and by Friday morning the mines were working normally again.

But did the strikers get their 10s a day? Did they get a hearing? No. They got instead a beating from the police which they will not forget in a hurry for some time to come. The strikers it was alleged had dangerous weapons. But they did not have rifles with bayonets and batons which were freely used by the police.

Mr J M Brink Director of Native Labour in the Union in an interview with the *Sunday Express* said:

"It is regrettable that force had to be used but other steps to persuade the natives to return to work had failed, it became inevitable he said. "The police handled a difficult situation with foresight and good judgment. Many of the natives are still bewildered about the outcome of the strike, and feel that they were led up the garden path by agitators in their claim for 10s a day, Mr Brink said.

General Smuts before he left for Paris to attend the Peace Conference said the native mineworkers strike was not the result of legitimate grievances but was caused by agitators. The wages and working conditions of native mine labourers had been fully investigated by the Lansdown Commission and the Government he said had carried out practically in full the Commission's recommendations.

Mr Margaret Ballinger M.P. in the other House of Assembly replied to explain to General Smuts the position which was possible if the Government acted in the recommendations of the Commission instead of in the spirit dictated by White Africa as something less than a human being. He has

velations of the Party's opinion, the mineworkers' leaders, a Cabinet Committee presided by General Smuts dealt with the strike and the natives' claims. Despite the fact that the Government's right to deal with General Smuts did not proceed.

Whatever may be the responsibility for having ended the strike was settled by four of the seven days and the mineworkers have jolly good in their work. But the strike and the methods adopted quell it and the very speeches made in the Native Representative Council at Pretoria all testify to the lesson to South Africa.

It is said that it has been responsible for the new leaders of the strike with a view to compromise the Government. They had to show that the workers were still a force to be reckoned with. It is possible that they succeeded in the recommendations of the Commission but the weapon which was used by the Government was the same as that which rulers in South Africa have always used against the native people.

NATIVES PROTEST

AGAINST FASCISM IN S. AFRICA

THE Native mine workers' strike in the Transvaal last week in which nearly 50,000 Natives were involved, was crushed by the police within three days. This strike coincided with the setting up in Pretoria of the Native Representative Council of which one is a seat of Native Parliament in this country. The anti-pass laws strike which the Native masses was discussed there by the Native leaders in a worthy manner. In case of this great importance at the present juncture when the future of the oppressed people hangs in the balance, the results, we have no doubt, will be grave indeed for lasting tranquility from it. The speeches were mainly on a motion adopted "that the Native Representative Council should adjourn indefinitely as a protest against the breach of faith towards the African people."

The motion which was moved by Dr J S Moroka, a native representative, stated that since its inception the Council had brought to the notice of the Government the reactionary character of the Union's native policy of segregation in all its ramifications and that the Council deprecates the Government's post-war constitution of a policy of Fascism which is the antithesis and negation of the letter and spirit of the Atlantic Charter and the United Nations Charter.

The motion continued, "The Council, therefore, in protest against the breach of faith towards the African people in particular and the cause of world peace in general resolves to adjourn this session and calls on the Government to abolish all discriminatory legislation in this country."

Dr Moroka said that the Union's native policy had drawn that the white man was the ruler of the country, and the non-Europeans had no say in the matter. Until the white man made up his mind that non-European rights must be recognised, the native question could not cease "until they kill us or we kill them."

"Can the white man honestly that he is superior to the non-European. What right has the white man to think for us? We also want an opportunity to make the laws of the country—the laws under which we are to live. We will continue to fight against the white race, and be not cheated into peace, but we will not think any more," said Dr Moroka.

The motion was brought before the House by the Minister of the Government and to the world that Africans were not being treated right. The native would not agree that he was naturally inferior to the white man, but under present conditions they were being forced into an inferior position by restrictive laws.

"We want equality, we want freedom. We want freedom to live where we like. We want a law which is just to everyone. We don't want laws which make discrimination between black and white."

If the African people were to raise enough money to send a representative to UNO in any the Africans would have before International arbitration the Government would prevent such a step. If the Government had a clear conscience, however, it would not do so.

"The white man claims the right to deal with us as he pleases. We are chattels of the State—to be disposed of in any way which suits the white man."

Mr P R Moroka, supporting the motion, said at length with the unrest of African all over the world that the Europeans had fought to the war to preserve freedom they already possessed, while the Africans had fought for a freedom which he hoped to achieve. Now that Fascism and Nazism had been rooted out the Africans wanted the political rights for which he had fought.

Several native members demanded that the Government should immediately make a clear statement on the event which and led up to the disturbances on the Rand as a result of the native mine workers refusing to go to work.

A motion moved by Mr P R Moroka asked the chairman Mr R Recketh, Under Secretary for Native Affairs to make an official statement dealing with the events leading to the series of disturbances."

He also wanted to know the extent of casualties and injuries sustained, and the extent and nature of the disturbances. He further asked the Government to make a statement as how many natives had been killed, injured and arrested, and the steps the Government was taking to deal with the situation.

The Government was also asked to state whether negotiations had been entered into with the African Mineworkers Union with a view to a settlement and if not, why not.

In the course of his reply to these questions, Mr. Recketh said, "I would prefer the Council to wait for a statement at a later date when these are more settled. The matter has received the personal attention of the Prime Minister, who has appointed a Cabinet committee to investigate the whole situation."

Mr Moroka speaking in reply to Mr Recketh said "as a council he satisfied with a Cabinet committee. We hold the Government responsible for the wanton shooting which took place on the Rand. We can only assume that the instructions to shoot came from the Government. As we represent the native people we would have most rare satisfied if the Government had also consulted us in the matter."

Mr A W G Champion said that the strikers were on their way peacefully to the Chamber of Mines in the Native Recruiting Office. When they were stopped by the police they sat down peacefully. It was the police who charged these with batons and hoysons and attacked them.

"In these claims the Dutchmen who are recruits and who just helped themselves to injuring and killing natives can used."

Mr Z K Matthews said that an alarming state of affairs existed and the Council could not be asked to continue with routine matters when there were disturbances of such magnitude and far-reaching repercussions.

Mr P R Moroka stated that South Africa was heading for disaster in her present treatment of natives. He asked how long would gold be called mass valuable than human steel.

The natives found themselves in a worse plight after the war in which they had fought. On the Rand native soldiers who had fought against Nazism were being used to suppress their aspirations and were helping to establish a similar system in their own country.

Mr. R V S Thema said the Council had repeatedly in the past ten years asked the Government to do something for the natives but a deaf ear had been turned. He said that Nazism existed in South Africa before Hitler was born. It was the white people of the country who had invented it.

Prof. Z. K. Matthews said that it was the first time in the history of the Council that a motion of this nature had been proposed. It could not say what the Government's reaction would be, but any responsible body of man would sit up and take notice of such a motion.

"We are not an irresponsible people. We in this Council are grown up men who occupy various important and responsible positions throughout the Union. We still not wanted here and highly put forward a proposal that the Council should adjourn unless we have good and reasonable cause to do so."

NOTES

Mr S. B. Mehd's Bereavement

The many friends of Mr S B Mehd throughout South Africa and abroad will be deeply grieved to learn of the sad death, after a brief illness, of his widowed sister Dervandben in Ahmedabad at the age of 55. Within the last few months Mr Mehd has had to suffer two great losses. One was the loss of his dear young husband and this has been the second and more tragic in that again the loss of his only sister Dhanvandben had taken the place of the mother in the family and Mr Mehd was preparing to leave by the next boat to India to be by her bedside. God had however ordained otherwise. We extend to Mr Mehd and other members of his family our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement. May the soul of the departed rest in eternal peace.

Indian Affairs Advisory Board

The appointment of an Indian Affairs Advisory Board has been recommended by the Durban City Council's General Purposes Committee. It has been proposed that the Board should comprise seven members four of whom would be City Councillors and three Indians nominated by the Natal Indian Congress. The chairman would be a Councillor. Should the Congress refuse to nominate members then Industry, commerce and the Commissioner for Asiatic Affairs should be asked to each nominate a representative. The matters to be discussed by the Board would include housing townships (provision of land roads, transport and recreational amenities) education and religion and the possibility of devising by agreement some new system for the local government of areas allocated to different races.

Indians can have nothing to do with such a Board as long as the Asiatic Land Tenure Act is on the Statute Book. The Durban City Council should have sought the co-operation of the Indian community as regards housing an altogether unsatisfactory feature the Ghetto Bill was passed. Such a suggestion today amounts to an insult to injury

Don't Be Cowed Down By Ill-treatment

—Gandhiji

Mahatma Gandhi writing in his newspaper *Harijan*, expressed the hope that the civil resisters of Goa would not be cowed down by any ill-treatment, however grave it might be, by the Portuguese authorities. His article was based on reports that the Indian leader Rajendra Prasad, a well-known and talented [illegible] all civil resisters will be given fair and impartial trial for murder and / or any

Gandhiji has been unsparing in our passive Resisters in South Africa as well

Mrs. Ballinger On Segregation

Speaking under the auspices of the National War Memorial Health Foundation in Johannesburg last week Mrs Margaret Ballinger, M.P. said the colour bar would have to be removed from the country's economic life to relieve acute poverty, improve the standard of living and increase productivity. It was only so-called segregation, she said, that blocks the free, natural movement of the population to respond to economic demand, which leaves the mass of the population illiterate and denies the immense wealth latent in widening man-national opportunity. I see no guidance of a move to abandon this policy On the contrary, the tendency has been to spread the policy and to increase the economic disabilities which it means. Let me remind you of the progressive tightening up of the Urban Areas Act and of the recent emergency regulations imposing special checks on the movement of Africans in the highest wage area, that of the Cape "Let me remind you also of the intention of the principle of segregation to the Asiatic community last year and the constant demand for coloured segregation"

Women Voters

The total number of registered women voters throughout the Union is 1,041,835 or almost half

Of the total population figures for the Union of 11,258,858—as announced by the Census Office—5,713,624 are men and 5,545,234 women.

Transvaal

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Of the Asiatic population 20,356 are men and 17,149 women in the case of coloureds and natives the figures are 27,427 men and 28,343 women and 1,529,552 men and 1,517,617 women respectively. There were a total of 2,317,444 men and 1,496,335 women of all races.

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Union

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Of the total population increase of 642,309 in the Transvaal since 1936 211,073 are Europeans, 11,611 Asiatics 44,49 coloureds and 374,789 natives.

Of the total population increase of 486,901 in the Cape, 68,997 are Europeans 6,393 Asiatics, 130,942 coloureds and 281,539 natives.

In Natal the total population increase of 236,265 is made up as follows. Europeans 41,374, Asiatics 44,458 coloureds 3,984 and natives 145,451

In the Free State the population increase over the 1936 figure is given as 113,485 16 asiatic population is stated to 107,363 and the Euro pean population by 113, but the actual population decreased by 3,378 and Asiatics by 13

The percentage increase for the Union is given as 16.55 per cent for Europeans 18.61 Asiatics, 17.59 for coloureds and 17.17 for natives. The total increase of 1,661,965 for all races since 1936 works out at a percentage increase of 17.40.

Population Of Union's Principal Towns

The following are the figures of the population of the principal urban centres of the Union including suburbs within municipal boundaries

	Europeans.	Asiatics.	Coloured.	Natives.	All races
Johannesburg	324,302	16,166	12,491	71	351,643
Cape Town	111,111	7,959	57,456	111	111,111
Durban	111,791	111,111	13,276	115,805	317,148
Pretoria	111,581	1,496	1,611	61	116,356
Port Elizabeth	61,741	3,136	1,791	11,111	11,131
Germiston	11,741	1,170	111	111	111,911
East London	19,611	1,311	5,211	111	111
Bloemfontein	11,151	111	1,111	11,111	111
Benoni	11,551	111	1,911	11,115	6,111
Brakpan	11,111	111	1,111	111	11,111
Springs	11,111	111	611	111	11,111
Boksburg	11,111	111	1,111	111	11,111
Krugersdorp	11,111	111	1,111	111	11,111
Roodepoort	11,111	111	1,111	111	11,111
Randfontein	11,111	111	1,111	111	11,111
Vereeniging	11,111	111	1,111	111	11,111
Vanderbijlpark	11,111	111	1,111	111	11,111
Potchefstroom	11,111	111	1,111	111	11,111
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The census gives the European population of the Union as 2,335,400—an increase of 331,603, or 16.55 per cent as compared with the 1936 figures; the coloured population as 2,735,859, an increase of 1,139,120, or 17.27 per cent, the Asiatic population as 284,539, an increase of 61,642 or 21.61 per cent and the figure for mixed and other coloured races as 915,959 an increase of 17.39 per cent

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OUR INDIA LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Bombay, August 1

THE elections in the Central Assembly and in the House of 38 by the presentatives of the Storm the Congress has won seats the Muslim League 3 Independents 9 and the Scheduled Muslims 3. The 4 seats for the Sikhs have not been filled up, as they withdrew their nominations as a protest against the Mission plan; and although one of the 3 seats for the Indian Storm was to take place at a time date for the 'A' group the Congress has got 161 seats, the Muslim League 19 and Independents 7. The Muslim League has an absolute majority in the B (Punjab, Sind, N.W.F.P., and Baluchistan) group and a working majority in the C (Bengal and Assam) group. In the B group it has 19 seats as against 11 of the Congress. In the C group the League has 35 seats as against 32 Congressmen and 3 Independents—the three being Mr. Fazlul Haq, Dr. Ambedkar and a Communist. The League did not participate in the election, as the minimum of 30 to participate in the Interim Government and in the Constituent Assembly.

Nathan's Best Talent

The Congress has taken care to bring in the services of the best talent in the Constituent Assembly, and has provided a number of seats for important minorities such as Harijans, Parsis and Indian Christians. Thus has now hardly been appointed in England as a Minister from the ranks of the Indian Civil Service, Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, who was Secretary-General of the Government of India during the Viceroyalty of Lord Linlithgow. Sir Girja is the first Indian to be appointed to the Cabinet Secretariat, which is the nerve centre of the administration of India. Sir Girja is a Hindu, and his appointment is a clear indication that the Congress has not been unmindful of the claims of the minorities in the Constituent Assembly.

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Muslim League Council

The Council of the Muslim League held at Bombay from July 27 to 29. It passed a resolution withdrawing its acceptance of the Cabinet Mission's proposals which was communicated to the Secretary of State for India by the President of the Muslim League on the 6th of June. The British Government was charged with "a breach of faith with the Muslim League. They were also censured that the Congress which "has already started by short sighted and unwelcoming majority, will be in a position to the Assembly in the manner in which they have likely declared, is that they will wreck the honest aim of the grouping of the provinces and nullify the scope, powers and in fact of the Union Centre. It was also stated that in these circumstances the participation of the Muslims in the proposed constitutional making is an army in thought with danger.

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"But the Congress stood there like a mule. It has no other consideration except one, namely how to down the Muslim League.

"The Mission went back to their word with regard to the Interim Government. The Viceroy failed in crowned down and paralysed. The Congress resorted to methods that even an ordinary individual would be ashamed of.

The Viceroy had no business to put my name when I had clearly made it known to him, in spite of his trying to persuade me, that I will not accept any office so long as I am the President of the Muslim League.

"It is necessary to say that Cripps debased his legal talents and put his dishonest interpretation on the clause. He overpowered the venerable and idealistic Secretary of State.

"A fantastic and dishonest construction was put on the clause by that ingenious juggler of words, Cripps.

Goodbye To Constitutional Methods

In a speech made after the passing of the resolution on the 29th July he said: "Here day we had good bye to constitutional methods. Today we have also forged a pistol and aim it at post here in me [illegible] if you would peace, we aim it at you. But if you want war, we will accept it in that spirit."

The appointment of the Interim Government on the political situation and the inclusion in it of certain persons who will be watched with interest.

Situation in South Africa

The Imperial Indian Citizenship Association has issued a statement on the situation in South Africa in which it says: It cannot be told that the imposition of the Government of India on South Africa and the imposition of the Government of India should make the matter more complete and effective. It also feels that [illegible] by imposing the Smuts Act can make it easier in presenting the U.N.O. the case of India should give the full weight to the attitude of progressive persons in South Africa," adds Gupta, "if we refuse to the Indians in South Africa, they will be [illegible] by saying that it is not to interfere with the internal unity of the Union."

The Bombay Municipal Corporation on 22nd July unanimously passed a resolution extending the Corporation's sympathies to the Natal Indian Congress for the passive resistance movement organised by them in Durban which movement is symbolic of India's determination to vindicate her national honour, and wishing the organisers success in their struggle. All the Natal Indians joined in supporting the resolution. The Grand Cinh in Bombay decided on 24th July, that no South African White should be elected as a member of the Cinh to be established as a guest until the South African people's of many kind including wives and girls should be gathered last seen in the Cinh.

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Gandhiji's Advice To Deccan State

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Bombay August 1

An important piece of advice to the Deccan State Peoples was given by Mahatma Gandhi not to join the Union suggested by the Political Department but to help it by its activities in peacefully its solving their problems. Gandhiji said that he had learnt at the feet of his father he learnt from Lord Reading and Lord Minto as that the Princes owed their power and position to their people who were their real masters. The Princes had to serve their people as the latter's trustees and if the latter's will it might be a little pill for some in swallow but it was the only thing on which the survival of the Princely Order depended. A frank and sincere acceptance of this attitude would inaugurate a new and glorious chapter in the annual growth of India. He made bold to take no that attitude, that pity the might be a leader vein. In his opinion the Princes as mercenaries of Britain as India needs were why of their love. It would then [illegible] better than to go under whether they and their people wanted a union among themselves. Such a union would be of wholly different type from what they had contrived. If they felt that they [illegible] want a Union of the States, such States had at first to form a union with its own people. Their people were the real power on whom they were to depend in their states. It became honourable if they became servants of their own people. The Union would not work and would long with their own people.

On this all reasoned that a solution completion that the present impasse was a creation of the Rulers, ministers, Political Agents. Not some need but in one of them, if they solution are and [illegible] was work through [illegible] Party in the [illegible] to look that what the British people was of between the Princes will right than to [illegible] They [illegible] was wholly a [illegible]

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If the Deccan [illegible] then part and [illegible] why several others would [illegible] name. For that purpose Mr. Gandhi started [illegible] I need [illegible] the whole [illegible] them much they [illegible] In fact they [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] purpose [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

"DIRECT ACTION DAY"

THE 'Direct action Day' announced by the All India Moslem League, was observed last Friday throughout India comparatively without incidents except in Calcutta. There the Moslem League was in power and it insisted, against the wish of many, in declaring a holiday on that day, a fiery ordeal of four days for that city.

Our Bombay correspondent's message dated Monday August 19 states: The whole of India is deeply disturbed over the riots in Calcutta which are raging with unabated fury. The latest telephonic reports estimate casualties at three thousand killed and ten thousand injured.

The *Statesman* of Calcutta says the Moslem League Ministry in Bengal must be immediately dismissed by the action of the Bengal Governor. Which kind of Government should take its place is immaterial. The Ministry, in any case must go. What has happened in Calcutta since Friday morning is appalling with the League a Direct Action Day announcement. The paper says, "has convicted the Ministry at the bar of public opinion on a double charge of incapacity to handle murder and disorder and of complicity in enabling the peace.

The paper goes on to say, "The Bengal Government has failed immediately to exercise judgement and in executive ability. By forcing a general holiday on the Lenin's Direct Action Day it has brought about consequences many had feared it has given the City three days of horror. It was incumbent on the Ministry to take precautions against a breakdown of civic order." The *Statesman* asks: What further testimony does the Governor of Bengal and the Viceroy want to dismiss the Ministry 'Again can any one argue,' the paper says, 'why was the Commissioner of Police not allowed to take determined action in the primary stage which he would have done if left to himself and would have brought the situation to a reasonable control?' The paper concludes 'The blood of hundreds of innocent dead and injured as a result of this misgovernment cries out for judgment.'

In opposite, our correspondent states, Congress will demand an enquiry into the Calcutta incidents and will urge for action against those who incited such violence.

According to our Bombay correspondent the following names have been submitted to the Viceroy by Pandit Jawahar lal Nehru for the interim government :—Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Mr. Baldev Singh, Dr. John Mattai, Dr. Zakir Hussain, Mr. Maulvi Asaf Ali and Pandit Nehru himself and the fourteenth name submitted is of Mr. J. B. Babu of young Parsi businessman. The Provisional Government will be sworn in this week.

Things In General

Union Government Counter ing Indian Propaganda

In a letter to the Durban Town Clerk Senator Clarkson the Minister of the Interior is reported to have said that a book let, dealing comprehensively with the Indian question, had been prepared by the Union Government and was being circulated in the United States to combat the campaign of propaganda Indian agent ors were carrying on against this country. The Minister added that memoranda prepared by the Durban City Council were in possession of the Government and information in it thereof would be used by the delegates to the U.N.O Conference.

Mr. J. H. Holloway the Acting Prime Minister, is reported to have said in Pretoria that at the U.N.O meeting in September it was imperative for South Africa to be represented by General Smuts, who was best able to answer the distortions which had been made against it. It was notified to the Union's policy to be correctly reflected. The Union's attitude was that U.N.O had no jurisdiction over the Indian question.

India And The British Empire

A tide of horror and anger is sweeping India over the refusal of General Smuts to send a ruling Indian to South Africa in the same way that the Jews were confined in ghettos in the Middle Ages, said Sir T. Vijayaraghavacharya on India's statement in a letter published in the *Manchester Guardian*. No wonder India is not more enamoured of being inside the British Commonwealth which contains South Africa," he said. "If India goes outside the Empire much of the credit for her exit must be given to General Smuts."

Maritzburg Resisters Meet

A meeting organised by the passive resistance council in Maritzburg was held last Sunday Mr. B. B. Mesquel, chairman of the Maritzburg branch of the Council presided. There were several speakers, including passive resisters who left after the meeting to take part in the campaign in Durban. Among the speakers were several women, some of whom came to Durban on Tuesday to take part in the campaign.

Indians Overseas Department

We have received the following letter from Mr. Satyacharan Secretary Indian Overseas Department of the All India Congress Committee Swaraj Bhawan Allahabad. The Indian National Congress, though fully occupied with the struggle of Indian Independence, was never unmindful of our countrymen abroad. It always advised keen interest in their welfare by registering protests, from time to time against any ill treatment meted out to them on racial or other grounds and mobilised public opinion in their favour to render them all possible moral support. The time has come when Overseas Indians should be in close touch not only with India but should also establish close contact among themselves. With this end in view it is contemplated to hold a conference of Overseas Indian Nationals, somewhere in India at the time of the next session of the Congress. The final announcement regarding the date and the venue of the conference will be made later. Meanwhile all Overseas Indian Associations should keep themselves in readiness to send the names of their delegates willing to participate in the said conference. Any suggestions or proposals in regard to Overseas problems may kindly be sent to this office.

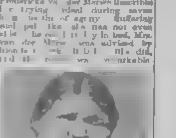
Gandhi's Faith In Non Violence

Mahatma Gandhi has publicly declared his faith in non violence which neither has we not accepted defeat at any stage even in the face of the atom bomb. Himself said in his newspaper *Harijan* "no nation or group which has made non-violence its final policy cannot be subjected to slavery even by the atom bomb."

IN AGONY FOR SEVEN MONTHS

ADVICE BRINGS RELIEF IN 2 WEEKS

IN a letter from her home at Heslington Jacksville, Mrs. Frederick ... of Mervyn Hamerton ... trying relief during severe ... in the of agony. Suffering ... and yet the ... was not even able to ... [illegible] ... Mrs. ... van der Merwe ... advised by friends ... to try ... and ... was ... difficult ... to obtain ...



Mrs. I. D. MERWE

... Cuticura ...



OINTMENT

Septic germs lurk everywhere — the least ... itch will let them in. But no germs can get into a ... which you apply our ... Ointment.

FOR CUTS & SCRATCHES

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mr Popatlal R Parekh of Krishna Stores, Durban and a brother of Messrs. Chocolal Bros., and Mr Ratilal V Parekh, son of Mr V R Parekh of Messrs. Chocolal Bros., have arrived in Durban by the *Karanja*. Mr Popatlal Parekh has brought with him several messages from India. Notable among them is the following one from Mr Louis Fischer: "I am of opinion that any social or religious form of discrimination is a denial of civilisation."

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Mr Mangalbhai Patel of Messrs Manchester Trading Co., Johannesburg has arrived in the Union after a lengthy stay in India. His many friends will accord him a hearty welcome.

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The steamer *Karagola* arrived in Durban on Tuesday from Bombay. She had brought considerable cargo for Durban but an orders from the Indian Government it was discharged at Lourenco Marques to be returned to Bombay

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From Sunday less butter will be available for consumers. To conserve supplies for distribution during the remaining months of the season the Dairy Industry Central Board at a recent meeting, was reluctantly compelled to reduce the butter ration from the present rate of 7½ per cent. to 50 per cent. of consumers' average purchases, as from Monday says an announcement by the Directorate of Food Supplies and Distribution.

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Four demands by Indian employees of the Durban Municipality have been refused by Mr M G Fanuie the Government-appointed arbitrator in the dispute between the employees' society and the City Council.

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At the age of 58 Major the Rev C F Miles-Cadman, M P (Labour, Durban North) has graduated as a bachelor of arts in social science.

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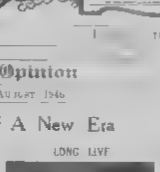
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TMAT Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the President of the Indian National Congress in the first Prime Minister of the first National Government of India, will be hailed with delight by Indians not only in India but throughout the world. It is deeply regrettable that this unique and happy occasion in the history of India should have synchronised with a fratricidal war in Calcutta. But live battle has already taken a heavy toll and it would be folly to expect India to have a smooth path. Some things are worth while no matter how much sacrifice it may these. It is to be hoped that Mrs Sarojini Naidu is right and that the slaughter of the innocent will cement Hindu-Moslem unity and that India will unitedly enjoy the blessings of freedom so dearly won after sixty years of arduous labour and great sacrifice.

The dawn of a new era in India brings to our memory the early days of the advent of the East India Company and how, step by step, India was ravaged, looted and enslaved, how her flourishing village industries and handicraft were ruined, how her raw material was sent out to England and manufactured goods were forced on India to enrich the industrial magnates of Manchester and Lancashire, while the teeming millions of India had to go half-starved and half naked. No country on the world has suffered as India has under the British rule, and it is these sufferings that make the dearly-won freedom all the more valuable.

There are some Tory imperialists who still make use of the happenings in Calcutta and elsewhere to vilify India in the eyes of the world and to condemn her on oath for all government. There seems to forget, however, that if India has to thank

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OUR INDIA LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent)

MUSLIM LEAGUE RESOLUTION

Baroda, August 15

THE first reaction to the Muslim League's resolution in that all universal regret. Official circles in New Delhi have pointed out several inaccuracies in Mr Jinnah's statements made before the League Council. For instance he harped upon an assurance which, according to him, was given by the Viceroy in regard to the ratio 5:5:2 to the Interim Government, whereas the Viceroy, in his letter to Mr Jinnah dated 16th June, categorically denied having given any assurance in this regard. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad also said that the League resolution was absolutely misleading when it affirmed that the Congress did not accept any of the terms and fundamentals of the plan. On the contrary, he said, the Congress had accepted all the fundamentals of the plan, and its statements and resolutions were quite clear and unequivocal on the point.

The last expressed in the League resolution about the Congress joining the Constituent Assembly for its own purpose, is also more one-sidery than real "It is justice to the Congress," writes the *London Times*, "it must be said that they are approaching the Assembly in a thoroughly businesslike spirit, that the list of their representatives is admirable in its comprehensive character, and that they are clearly no claim to be judged once by than promises than by their professions. By its recent resolution, on the other hand, the League has laid itself open to the charge of obstructing India's progress to nationhood and of sacrificing patriotism to pique' "No evidence adduced by the Party President himself," says the *Times Of India* "or by leading spokesmen to debate, justified the charge that the Congress Party of it in practice deny the spirit and the letter of the State Paper of May 16 The League has put itself to the wrong by acting in anticipation of that intention existing, and has quite unnecessarily refused to go and see it." The *Daily Mail* (London) envisages no possibility of violent disturbances.' The *News Chronicle* writes that "Mr Jinnah curiously declared war on the British and the Congress," and asks "Does he want his country to be one the Chinas, ravaged and utterly impoverished by infinitable civil wars"

Self-Defence And Self-Preservation

This apprehension is not quite unfounded. Several speakers at the League Council once ing, apprehending some such development muttered o earning against the struggle taking the shape of communal riots The fear is shared by others also If Muslim leadership unfortunately thinks that Swaraj must be, is with ugly demonstrations and conflicts, I suppose we must face the difficulty," said Mr Rajagopalachari Mr Jinnah made it clear at a Press conference that the 'Direct Action' was not directed against Hindus, one against anybody in particular, and that it was undertaken in India do not attack each impotence to the resuscitation of Hitler, meaning as it does at a time when titles would lose their value after the British leave India. The proportion of these among Muslims who have till now risen up titles is very small.—the number has only risen reached ten. In an interview given to the Associated Press of America Mr Liaquat Ali Khan, the General Secretary of the League, said that, if Congress formed a Government at the centre, "we will resist it by all possible means and make the functioning of such a Government impossi le "No one elected to the Constituent Assembly or the nominees of the Muslim League," he added, shall attend the Assembly if it is convened." A suggestion to boycott British goods has also been made

A Device

A shrewd suspicion is entertained in certain circles that this line is device to bring more concessions from the Government and Congress. The resolution, it was explained by Muslim League spokesmen, does not close the doors against negotiations but "the initiative," according to the Quaid-e-Azam, "must now never either from the British Government or Congress," and a settlement can only be made on the basis of the two-nations theory and two Constituent Assemblies instead of one. "Our demand" said Mr Jinnah, "has been for two Constituent Assemblies, and one. We object to one sovereign Constituent Assembly for the obvious reason that it is to one Assembly it means that the majority of one nation—with their overwhelming majority of three to one—can and I have no doubt will, impose their decisions upon the majority of another nation"

Congress Posture

Immediately after the League Council meeting Congress leaders made the Congress position clearer Much had been made of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's reference to the Constituent Assembly as a sovereign body. He meant, he said that there was to be no interference by the British Government in what the Assembly decided and finally put before the country "The sovereignty of the Assembly will be on a whole and against the interference of the British Government it will not be the sovereignty of one party inside the Assembly against the other Undoubtedly Congress had a majority in the Constituent Assembly he added, but that did not mean that it would overlook the interests of the minorities.

On the eve of the League Council meeting, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan wrote on article in *Pakhtoon*, the official organ of the Red Shirts, in which he further elucidated the Congress attitude to grouping "The grouping clause was included," he said, "in the scheme with our consent and permission to consolate the Muslim Leaguers But I say that this grouping should be optional according to the free will of each province and not compulsory I have no objection to be in one group with Punjab, Sind and Baluchistan. But I must say this—that before entering into such a partnership all of us should sit the brothers and satisfy each other by removing certain doubts and assure one another that such grouping is in the interest of each province." This, indeed, bespeaks no mood of intransigence or wrecking mission. No wonder, he avows, was made at the League Council meeting of this very important and conciliatory pronouncement of the Frontier leader Mr Nehru, in a Press interview, however, welcomed it,

UNION INDIAN PROBLEM CROPS UP AT PARIS

WHILE the Rumanian peace treaty was being discussed at a meeting of the Political and Territorial Commission of the Paris Peace Conference last Saturday, August 24, the South African Indian problem sprang up suddenly

Colonel W B Hodgson, who has taken over the leadership of the Australian delegation, merely happened to mention "the manner in which South Africa has settled its minority problems." He proposed a clause in the preamble guaranteeing fundamental freedoms and added: "As an illustration of the achievement of racial harmony I would mention the Union of South Africa whose delegation is sitting opposite me"

Professor Petrovsky (Ukraine) took up the Australian illustration of South Africa, saying "Unfortunately I do not think the example conclusive All of us watch the world Press and have seen utterances recently to disturbances in South Africa. There is oppression of minorities, particularly of Indians. Indian question in South Africa will be the subject of discussion by the United Nations.

The South African delegate, Mr W. Parmalee interrupted, saying "Only after discussion at the United Nations can any opinion be formed and if we take up these many times a delegate feels he wants to drag in some domestic question we shall never get far with the work

But that is not the end of that Mr Petrovsky, still smarting under Mr Parmalee's rebuke returned to the same subject later, and said "After all all I said was that I did not agree with the example brought forward by Australia. Consequently I feel the South African delegate had no reason to object to my words It seems to me that the Government of South Africa and the Hindu [illegible] minority do not seem to get along"—says Reuter

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel dealt with the League's resolution at considerable length at a meeting in Bombay on the Tilak Anniversary Day on August 1. "If the Muslim League is bent on attaining freedom for India still," he said, "let us sit down together and settle our differences between ourselves like brothers, while there is still time. If we cannot solve them, then they can be settled by an arbitrator. He bluntly denied that the Congress was a Hindu organization. His utterance was rejected by Mr Jinnah through a statement issued to the Press.

Mr Mumtaz Daultana, a Punjab League leader said in an interview just after the League Council meeting, that the Muslims of the Punjab would launch a struggle without waiting for any directive from the League High Command, and that they would start with a fight for the removal of Section 144 (banning meetings) imposed by the Punjab Government, and even a no-rent campaign might be started later on. "If peaceful methods fail," he added, "then the League will have to resort to every means at its disposal."

United On Question Of Indians Overseas

One feels happy in say that, in spite of these internal differences, all the political parties present a united front so far as the question of Indians abroad is concerned. Thus the League Working Committee has passed a resolution on the struggle in South Africa, in which it expresses its whole-hearted sympathy with the struggle of the Indians in South Africa, and says that "the Muslims of India are willing to do all they can and which lies in their power to help them." It calls the Ghetto Law "a blot not only on the Government of South Africa but on the whole civilised world." The Muslims in South Africa, said Sardar Patel, were international and the eyes of every person were focussed there. The Working Committee of the Jamiat-ul Ulema-i-Hind has also passed a resolution supporting the satyagraha campaign in South Africa.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, in his capacity as President of the Congress, has been invited by the Viceroy to make proposals for the immediate formation of the interim Government; he, in consultation with his colleagues, has accepted the invitation, and has also written to Mr Jinnah inviting the co-operation of the League in forming a Coalition Government. This sums up the news of the week. "It is our desire to have on representative a provisional national Government as possible, said Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in a statement issued on the 13th "so that we can entirely face the great problems that confront the country and lead India rapidly to full independence. In a press interview given on the morn day at Wardha, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad expressed the hope that it would be possible for the Muslim League to reconsider its decision and extend its hand of co-operation in forming a Coalition Government at the Centre.

The Congress Working Committee, which met at Wardha last week, passed on the path instant a resolution clarifying its attitude towards the Cabinet Mission's plan. "The Committee wish to make it clear," the resolution said, "that while they did not approve of all the proposals contained in this statement, they accepted the scheme in its entirety. They interpreted it so as to resolve the inconsistency contained in it and filled them on lines in accordance with the principles laid down in that statement. They hold that provincial autonomy is a basic provision and each province has the right to decide whether to form or join a group or not. The question of representations will be decided by the procedure laid down in the statement itself and the Congress will advise its representatives in the Constituent Assembly in matters accordingly. The Assembly, it went on to say, will naturally function within the internal limitations which are inherent in its task, and will not have the largest measure of co-operation in drawing up the constitution of free India allowing the greatest measure of freedom and protection for all just claims and interests. The Committee hopes, it concluded that the Muslim League and all others concerned in the wider interests of the nation as well as of their own will join in this great task."

The resolution was considered by all impartial observers as quite satisfactory, and it was held that the Congress Working Committee had shown great statesmanship in passing it. The reaction of the British Press was also favourable. "It is now on the clear beyond doubt," said the London Times, "that the Party is pledged to make the Constituent Assembly a success. These assurances, detailed and explicit as they are, should go far to alleviate the present political tension by showing that the Congress Party feels itself bound by the provisions for the protection of Muslim interests embodied in the scheme."

Mr Jinnah issued a long statement on the path in which he said "it is quite clear that there is no change on the part of the Congress except the startling concession that they had accepted the scheme in its entirety, which is immediately contradicted by what follows in the resolution. I am afraid the situation remains as it was, and we are where we are." This attitude he has universally deplored. The Congress, however, undeterred by it, has made another friendly approach, and the response of the Quaid-e-Azam is eagerly awaited.

NEW INTERIM GOVERNMENT

THE King has accepted the resignation of the Indian "Caretaker Government" and has appointed a new Government headed by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru the Congress President.

Other members of the new Government listed in official communiqués are:—

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (member of the Congress Working Committee and Congress delegate at the Simla talks with the British Cabinet mission)

Dr Rajendra Prasad (Congress Working Committee member and ex-ex Congress President)

Mr C. Rajagopalachari (Congress Working Committee member and ex-ex Premier of Madras)

Mr Sarat Chandra Bose (Congress Working Committee member and Congress leader in the Legislative Assembly)

Mr John Matthai (Indian Christian, Bombay industrialist and managing director of the Tata Chemical Works)

Sardar Baldev Singh (Sikh leader and member of the Punjab Ministry).

Mr Asaf Ali (deputy leader of Congress in the Central Assembly)

Sir Shafaat Ahmed Khan (former High Commissioner in South Africa, and League Moslem).

Mr Jagjivan Ram (president of the Depressed Classes League (Untouchables) and Congress Party member)

Mr C. H. Bhabha (Parsee)

Sayed Ali Zaheer (leader of the Shia Sect of Moslems).

Two more Moslem members will be appointed later.

The new interim Government will take the oath on September 2.

Other Resolutions

One of the other resolutions passed by the Congress Working Committee refers to the oppressive Portuguese rule in Goa and the repressive measures that are being taken at present. "The present movement in Goa," the Committee says, "appears to be entirely confined to the peaceful exercise of the right of civil liberties, and yet it is met by force. Repression and attacks by a tribunal described as court martial and deportation to the Portuguese possessions in Africa. Goa, the resolution goes on to say, must share in the freedom of the Indian people. What its future position and status will be in a free India can only be determined in consultation with the people of Goa and not by any external authority. The Committee also trust that Sar-

tugal will not be admitted to the UNO In contrast with the Portuguese policy the Committee notes with satisfaction the French Government's declaration, through the Governor of French India, that 'the people of French India are free to decide their own future and may, if they so choose, join an Indian Union

East Africa

The Committee also passed a resolution on East Africa. "The Committee takes a very grave view of the refusals of the Government in Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika to withdraw odious regulations restricting immigration, as promised. The Committee are "emphatically of opinion that the British Colonial Office should instore pressure upon Colonies as regards immigration by withdrawing the two main regulations, and should prevent the anti-Indian policy of the European inhabitants from being given countenance by Indians, they say, even in East African long before any Britisher set foot on that soil, and they would point out to many gentlemen of useful industry on the coast as well as natives of the white settlers could claim any years of residence. The Committee are also of opinion that any steps to bring about the economic unions of the three East African territories should include the provision for equal representation as proposed by the British Colonial Office, and should not yield to the pressure of the European population to abandon this provision The Committee reiterate the protest against the reservation of the best parts of the land the High lands, in white men, excluding even the Africans to whom the soil of their own country must belong

The Committee adopted a resolution criticising the proposed "reforms" in Hyderabad State which, if given effect to, will, in the opinion of the Committee, "retard the progress towards freedom" and the Committee "approve of the decision of the Executive of the State Congress to reject this scheme and not participate in it"

Prohibition

Ever since the Congress Ministries began functioning in nine out of the eleven Provinces of British India, they have initiated a number of important and effective measures. Among the most recent ones is the decision of the Madras Government, in deference to public opinion, to enforce prohibition in eight districts of the Province this very year. "It will bring joy, said Mr. Rajagopalachari, to lakhs of people and make them realise the benefits of self-government as soon, I would call it the best post-war measure taking so far put its motive." The U P Legislature Assembly passed a resolution last week to abolish Zamindari in the province. Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, the U P Premier, stated during the debate that the Simon, the Floud, and the Woodhead Commissions had all recommended the abolition of the Zamindari system in India. The Bombay Government announced last week an increase in the scale of pay of primary teachers in the Province according to which they would be the highest paid primary teachers in the whole of India

South Africa

The situation in South Africa continues to be watched with interest. "As I have said before, says Gandhiji in the latest issue of *Harijan*, after quoting a letter from an English sister from Durban "the battle will certainly go to our country once it they remain truly non-violent Non violence knows no defeat" Refusing to fix Smuts's death, Gandhiji says "Incidentally I must mention that Mrs. Naidoo's husband was one of the first Satyagrahis during the days of our own gin there in my time.

Sir Raghunath Paranjpye the representative of the Government of India in Australia, in an address he recently gave at Canberra described in some length the various disabilities imposed on Indians in South Africa, and expounded the way in which the Dominion of South Africa deals with the problem of Indians within its boundaries is likely to have considerable influence in swaying Indian opinion on the question whether the independent India of the future should continue to remain in the British Commonwealth or not."

PASSIVE RESISTANCE NOTES

Thirteen passive resisters comprising six women from Maritzburg and seven men from Clairwood who were arrested in trespassing on Corporation land on Wednesday August 21 appeared before Mr G T Stokes in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Thursday August 22. All were sentenced to £3 or 30 days hard labour

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Ten passive resisters led by Mr Govindsamy Mr George Morris, were arrested on Thursday August 22 on the usual charge of trespassing on Durban Corporation land at the corner of Gale Street and Umbilo Road. All of them pleaded guilty before Mr G T Stokes in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Friday August 23 and were sentenced to £3 or 30 days hard labour.

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Ten passive resisters were arrested at the usual place and for the usual charge on Friday night. They were all brought before Mr. G T Stokes on Saturday morning and were sentenced to £3 or 30 days with hard labour.

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Seven passive resisters were arrested at the usual place and on the usual charge on Sunday night. All of them pleaded guilty before Mr G I Cohen in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Monday and were each sentenced to £3 or 30 days hard labour.

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Three passive resisters from Johannesburg and 10 from Maritzburg were arrested on Monday night at the usual place and on the usual charge. The Johannesburg group was led by Mr T Naraynsamy Naidoo son of the late Mr C K Tamasil Naidoo, who was one of the staunch passive resisters in the days of Mahatma Gandhi and included among them was also Mr Yusuf Patel The Maritzburg group was led by Mr S. Padayachee. They were all brought before Mr G T Stokes in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Tuesday morning and were sentenced to £3 or 30 days hard labour

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On Tuesday night seven passive resisters from Clairwood were arrested for trespassing on Corporation land at the usual place They were led by Mr S. R Gov en dan Naraser They were all brought up before Mr G T Stokes in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Wednesday and were each sentenced to £1 or 30 days hard labour

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On Wednesday night ten passive resisters from Maritzburg were arrested for trespassing on Durban Corporation land. They were led by Mr S. Paul a cabinet maker.

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Spewing Foreign Political Propaganda

Motions asking for the banning or more strict control of foreign political movements and for more stringent action against the passive resistance movement appear on the agenda at the United Party circle conferences for the South Western Transvaal, which will be opened by Mr J. W Mushet, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs and Public Works, at Klerksdorp on Tuesday

News In Brief

Messages To Pandit Nehru

Many congratulatory messages from throughout the world have been sent to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Among those was one from Sir Stafford Cripps wishing Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru good luck in the very difficult task that faces them.

S.A Tamil Conference

At a meeting of Tamilians held recently in Durban a strong and influential reception committee was formed for the purpose of convening the first session of the South African Tamil Conference in Durban on October 6. Mr D K M Moodaliar was nominated as chairman of the committee with Messrs. S. M Govender and S. T. Nadasen as treasurers and Sangeetha Mr Manikkam Pillay and N. M Pillay as joint secretaries. Full particulars will be advertised in the press in due course.

Indian National Congress

The Indian National Congress session will be held in the United Provinces on November 21, 22 and 23. The venue has not yet been decided upon.

Death Of Mr V V Pillay

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. V V Pillay, an old resident of Durban which took place after a prolonged illness at the residence in First Avenue The late Mr. Pillay who was 55 years of age, was a very successful businessman and was held in high esteem by all those who had come in touch with him. Mrs. Pillay was married to the sister of Mr T V Rajagopal Pillay of Kimberley We extend to the sorrowing widow and to all the members of the family our heartfelt sympathy May the departed soul rest in eternal peace.

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Things In General

(Extracts From Sapa Reuter Reports)

U.S.A. Women's Protest

The United States branch of the Women's International League For Peace criticises South Africa's Land Tenure Act, and it was a "real retrogression in racial relations. Thousands of men died in all parts of the world to destroy the very type of ghettoism which now seems to be flourishing in South Africa. We know that the United States is far from politics of racialism but so long as there is consistent progress we do not lose hope. The South African law is not only a backward step but that country has it will have repercussions throughout the world.

Allotment Of Portfolios

Sunday newspapers are speculating on the allotment of portfolios in the Interim Government for India, and it is generally believed that Pandit Nehru (the Congress President) will take charge of Foreign Affairs, Mr Vallabhbhai Patel Home Affairs, Mr C Rajagopalachari (former Premier of Madras) Finance, and Mr Rajendra Prasad Food and Agriculture. Dr John Matthai (Indian Christian) is mentioned as a possible Minister of Industries and Supplies, and Mr Baldev Singh (Sikhs) as a possible Minister of Defence.

Indians In East Africa

A mass meeting of Moslems at Nairobi has passed a resolution strongly disapproving of the deputation from India under the leadership of Sir Maharaj Singh which has arrived in East Africa to protest against the proposed immigration restrictions. The Moslems say that restricted immigration will be of benefit to all communities in East Africa. The mass meeting demanded separate Muslim representation on all public bodies "being dissatisfied with the present Hindu majority. Sir Maharaj Singh is reported by All India Radio to have said that the work of the Indian delegation was to be that at least Indians and the world report in the Indian Government not

Indians In Portuguese India

The Government of Portuguese India has refused Mahatma Gandhi a visa on the Portuguese administration in India published in a recent issue of *Harijan* when it said the present measures of Government of India were limited to a small number of persons with a grievance grudge against the Portuguese administration. The Government also denied that there were no civil liberties in Goa. "There is freedom of the press and the platform but no fanatical freedom of the Jungle. The Goanese themselves do not wish to integrate Goa in Gandhi's greater India." The Government disclosed further that among them 50 persons of all shades of opinion, was recently sent to

Mahatma Gandhi condemning his interference in Goan affairs and expressing their wish to continue under the Portuguese flag

20,000 Go On Strike

More than 20,000 employees of South Indian Railways went on strike on Aug 24. Nearly 20 passenger services south of Madras have been suspended and a few pilot trains under police guard are being run to safeguard the track against possible sabotage. Armed policemen are also on duty

A BRUTAL ASSAULT ON SIR SHAFA'AT AHMED KHAN

SIR SHAFA'AT AHMED KHAN a former High Commissioner for India in South Africa who was appointed a member of the newly appointed Indian Interim Government was stabbed in seven places by two young men on the night of August 24 in Simla while returning from a walk. His rickshaw-man fled, leaving him unconscious. Sir Shafa'at was later taken to hospital. Sir Shafa'at who was stabbed in the hand chest and neck, had resigned from the Moslem League in protest against the League's reversal of its earlier decision to join the Interim Government. It is reported that Sir Shafa'at Ahmed Khan is out of danger and is now making good progress. In an interview he said he did not mind if twenty such assaults took place. He would not abandon the principle for which he had joined the newly appointed Interim Government.

sailing the track. The strikers demands include the calling off of the lock-out declared last month by the railway authorities at Trichinopoly, the reinstatement of a few discharged workers and a home allowance for all workers not provided with quarters. Mr Anil Baran Roy, General Manager of Madras, had broadcast a warning that any breaches of the peace will be dealt with firmly. He said that the Government would provide alternative means of transport.

Mrs Aruna Asaf Ali a Socialist leader deprecated the strike and urged upon the strikers to abandon it and submit their grievances to the Congress labour department.

Burma's Independence

A demand for free and independent Burma was made by Major-General Aung San Supreme Commander of the Burmese Patriotic Forces and president of the Anti Fascist League, when he addressed the third session of the League Supreme Council on August 25. He said, the demands of our nation are clear and simple. We want the formation of an Interim National Government vested with full powers of responsible democratic government representing the principal political groups of the country. We want to have elections on adult franchise and a constituent Assembly free and independent Burma. Referring to the international situation the General said: I shall not be surprised if Asia, especially China becomes the beginning and the prime theatre of war if a third world war becomes a fact.

Mr. Jinnah's Denial

Mohammed Ali Jinnah, president of the Muslim league in a statement at Bombay denied that he preferred bacon and eggs for breakfast despite the Prophet's veto on pork. Mr Jinnah's statement, which was intended to

last inspite the Prophet's veto on pork. It is equally false that I cannot speak in any Muslim tongue. The rest of the write up consists of half truths and is insulted by the enemies of the Muslim league.

Indian Delegation Leader Honours Smuts

General Smuts was invited to a private luncheon given on Friday August 23 by Sir Samuel Runganathan head of the Indian delegation to the Paris Conference. Mr Byrnes, the American secretary of State Mr Bevin the British Foreign Minister and Dr. Evatt, the Australian delegate were also present.

New Education System In India

Extensive plans for the reorganisation of the Indian educational system and drastic limitation of the teaching of English were expressed in conference of Education Ministers of the Congress Premiers held in Poona recently

Mr Gandhi who attended the conference by special invitation, suggested that if the object of education was to prepare the country for freedom an university education should be reframed with less stress on the English language.

The proposed university education was only profitless stooges for the alien rulers; it does not fit Indian youth for the service of the country, he said.

If the new plan is brought into operation the English language will not be taught in elementary schools and in the junior classes of secondary School English will only be taught after the proposed basic education period of seven years has been completed four years before the student enters a university

At present English is a compulsory subject in Indian secondary schools and children begin to learn it at the age of nine or ten. Under the new plan English will not be taught to children under the age of twelve.



MR S A MEHD

Who sailed for India by the *Nowgolo* on Monday

Mr. H. G. Patel of the Johannesburg firm of Messrs. Ashabhai and Co was also among the passengers who sailed by the *Nowgolo* for India last Monday. Many friends were present at the wharf to bid them farewell



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Miss Mary Barr

Last night a group of women's societies in Durban arrested Miss Mary Barr. Dr. Goonam Naidoo, Mrs. Michael Scott, Archbishop Clayton, two Congress councillors, and, hopefully, a struggling, suffering impersonation of Mrs. Roy Scott will shortly be released and Miss Barr has taken her place.

Miss Barr has spent several years in India. She went there as a missionary. But instead of engaging herself in the mechanical process of converting people into Christians in order just to swell the ranks of so-called Christians who this is commonly done by missionaries Miss Barr engaged herself in the mission of Christ in its true sense and that was to impart the message of peace and happiness to all. Miss Barr was much impressed by Mahatma Gandhi's writing, and by the life of austerity and service he lived. While he became his follower and joined in village reform work which was a part of his many activities. Later it was destined for her to come to South Africa. Her father Mr. Barr who had passed the mark of three-quarters of a century of his life is a retired English business man. He felt inclined to spend the rest of his life quietly in sunny South Africa, and some few years ago he came over from England.

Miss Barr's life here. Her dedication Miss Barr was devoted to man and he left no doubt to look after her father's wishes and so she came to South Africa and has settled here. Miss Barr with full of energy she did not feel satisfied remaining at home. Her heart went out to the suffering people of South Africa and she decided to engage herself in some way to bring happiness to them and to break the cruel barriers which she has been doing to the best of her ability. Miss Barr is an active member of the Indian Social Institute also an active member of the Society of Human Rights. Her participation in our struggle for the effective opposition for struggle, after all is essence is for human rights. The kind of torture Mr. happens to be just an instalment.

Whilst Miss Barr Scott and Miss Barr are the close fighting for a common cause and against the ills perpetrated by the white rulers of South Africa we Indians should not forget that they are standing by the side of us and fighting for us and for that we owe them a debt of gratitude.

We are often apt to be aggrieved against the white people generally on the ills we have to suffer and at times we give vent to our wrath in abbreviating

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RACE RELATIONS INSTITUTE

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THE Executive Committee of the South African Institute of Race Relations has been gravely disturbed by recent events affecting the Natives, said a statement released in Johannesburg on Monday.

The report says a growing feeling of frustration has been observed in some time past and this feeling found expression in the miners' strike and in the decision, taken in the midst of the strike, of the Native Representative Council to adjourn indefinitely. The Institute views these as serious symptoms of mounting discontent among the Natives with the conditions under which they live and work.

"The Natives are well aware that many Europeans, indeed, the vast majority, regard them as inferiors and as morally indefensible," the report added. "Time and again and especially during the war there has been a promise of better things to come, but such promises still await fulfilment in any substantial degree."

The Institute said that owing to these circumstances the Bantu people were not only losing confidence in the good faith of Europeans.

The report warned that if the situation in the field of race relations was allowed further to deteriorate it would soon reach a stage in which the voice of reason would not be heard.

The recent experiences of the British people in India, of the Dutch in Java and of the French in Indo-China shows that the non-European peoples of the world will not remain amenable to mistreatment if we Europeans fail to make simple and consistent social justice with them and if the time and temper in do not mid the statement.

"In South Africa the period is drawing to a close in which harmony is compromise is possible between the claims of the dominant races but compose our country may and the period can only be extended if a new spirit of goodwill is employed."

The Institute advocated declaration of the Government generally and appointment of a responsible non-European leader for continued co-operation. This co-operation they said depended on the rapid movement by the European community.

"The application of the principal law will certainly end militant industrial disputes," the report added. "Indeed the main effect will be to embitter them and to create an atmosphere in which subsequent unity talks regarding terms are more difficult and less reasonable. When this occurs, those who suffer in the end will be not only the non-Europeans but the entire South African population."

SOVIET RUSSIA CRITICISES COLOUR BAR IN UNION

A SOVIET radio commentator Peter Orlov, raised the question of the colour bar in an English broadcast from Moscow on the Paris Conference last week.

"Some Australian delegates in the Peace Conference try hard to appear as preachers of Democracy and defenders of the equal rights of all countries and races," he said. "Well let us see what they mean by Democracy.

"In stating the objectives of just and fair law in the Europe to be, and Australian delegate pointed to the Union of South Africa as an example of how peaceful various extraction have found a way to live together in a friendly manner and arrange their life to suit themselves.

"To this a Ukrainian delegate replied that the example was far from convincing, as racial discrimination in South Africa was a matter of common knowledge.

"In South Africa," the commentator continued, "the European looks upon the Natives as an inferior race. This mentality is especially pronounced in the Union of South Africa, where Natives and Asiatic citizens are treated in the same way as the Untouchables of India.

"The Dutch Reformed Church the semi official religion of the State, excludes Natives from membership by Act of Parliament. The introduction of the Colour Bar in industry and the prohibition of Natives from buying land have blocked the economic progress of the Native population.

"The agricultural conditions of the white bodied Native workers are even worse than those in industry—here in plain unchecked slavery. No matter how badly they may be treated they may not leave the land for the Natives Service Contract Act of 1932 lays down that any Native who breaks his contract is liable to criminal prosecution. This law also allows the flogging of Natives up to 18 years of age.

"A policy of Colour Bars should not be tolerated by the nations that fought the Fascist aggressors to win peace and freedom for all peoples, who ever their race. Do not surprise us by quoting to Mr Conference as an example of Democracy a country where such extraordinary happenes.

UNION GOVERNMENT'S GOODWILL MESSAGE

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has received a message from Mr J H Holmyard, the Union's Acting Prime Minister and Minister External Affairs:

"My colleagues and I join in tendering our warm congratulations on the establishment of the Interim Government in India under your leadership," says the message. "Its establishment must be an important step forward on the road to complete self-government by the Indian people.

"It is our sincere hope that all the peoples of your country will go forward together towards the goal of welfare and prosperity. Our best wishes will be with you in the great task that lies ahead."

Congratulatory messages were also sent by the South African Hindu Maha Sabha, Hindu Swee Sewaji, Marizburg Arya Pratinidhi Sabha and other organisations. A message of congratulations to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was also sent by the Tanganyika Indian Association.

BRITISH IN INDIA TEMPORARILY

"The British are a foreign element who are in India temporarily," said Pandit Nehru, Minister of External Affairs in the new Interim Government, in an interview shortly after the new Government had been sworn in on Monday. "They are not going to stay, but, after all, India must be run by Indians for the people who live here. Why get irritated? Why not live, work and co-operate?"

Pandit Nehru said that the formation of the Government was only a step forward and not an end in itself. "If we want to be a popular Government we must carry the people with us. We cannot function without their good will." A Gandhi Extraordinary announced the appointment of Pandit Nehru as an Vice President of the Interim Government in accordance with custom, the Viceroy is President.

AN ADVICE WORTH TAKING TO HEART

A European Sister who has during her forty years of work has "had great pleasure in seeing Indian women" asks us to try and step unfortunate women from being vegetable hawkers. "It is pitiful," she writes, "to see how heavy their baskets are and the way they must earn a meagre living. I buy from a fine Indian woman and help fill her basket. I can't refuse even though I have heart trouble. When I see our Indian men going into bars, and knowing they are spirits and cigarettes I just wish they would abstain from doing this. Money thus saved would help their women to stay at home and not be beasts of burden."

We commend this letter to all who are addicted to the evils of drink and races and runs their own lives and the lives of their family.—Ed. I O

LISTEN TO PANDIT NEHRU'S BROADCAST ON SATURDAY

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru will broadcast a message to the world at 5.30 p.m. to-day time in Hindi and in English. South African local time will be 5 p.m.

OUR INDIA LETTER

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Baroda, August 15

Horrifying Tale Of Calcutta Riots

DURING the week that has just elapsed the unprecedented carnage at Calcutta overwhelmed everything else and reminding the talks going on at Delhi between the Viceroy and the Congress President regarding the formation of an Interim Government at the Centre. From the 16th to the 19th there was an unbridled orgy of loot, rape, arson and murder. The estimate of the dead ranges from five to seven thousand with many more thousands injured. Streets were littered with festering corpses which became food for vultures. A harsh nose-bag of them are believed to have been shuffled into the drains, and the stench even now is reported to be horrible. The number of houses and shops burnt down is very large. The dead included men, women and children. Houses of worship have been desecrated. It has been the worst civic conflagration since the advent of the British rule. Thousands are leaving the city in their villages. There is a widespread demand for the removal of the League Ministry in Bengal and for a public inquiry into the source of trouble.

The Causes

The *Manchester Guardian* says: To the ordinary people in this country it seems beyond belief that Mr Jinnah call to Direct Action was the cause of what has happened in Calcutta because people with armed an religious or racial animosities will not simply stop to listen to suicide instructions between mutual and pure violent malice. Will the Muslim League take a warning from the miserable aftermath of Calcutta? What was about happened in and when have about Kabul Khan in an interview at New Delhi on the 12th was that till this was done its name for which responsibility must be shared by the Government. This was interpreted by hooligans and militant to mean that the Government was taking them in whatever they did." The most outspoken communist news from the British-owned daily the *Statesman* of Calcutta on the 14th it said in the name of a leading article: "The Direct Action Day was given the ugly own sign of horror. Violence was feared though not on an unrestrained a scale, when the Government decided on action to that was certain a prudence in Sanctuary language and some mutual slaughter in the streets. It was incumbent on them (the Ministers) to take precautions against a breakdown of civic order. File it was expected would be less. The degree of their failure to think and act rightly in view all and of Calcutta in day. It was beginning in early hour of the 16 h the

riots is an astounding diagnose which owing to the Bengal Ministry a preeminence as a League Ministry has inevitably tarnished seriously the all India reputation of the League itself. We must point especially the Bengal Government its lenient with failure in judgment and executive ability Maintenance of law and in many Ministry's prime obligation and the obligation of the Bengal Ministry in fulfilment of the League declared policy of keeping Direct Action Day peaceful was neglect. But instead of fulfilling the it undeniably, by continued acts of omission and premeditation contributed rather than otherwise to to the horrible events which

THE NEW INDIAN CABINET

The following is the Cabinet of the new Interim Government of India:

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations; Sardar Baldev Singh, Defence. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Home Affairs (including Information and Broadcasting) Dr Joseph Matthai, Finance; Asaf Ali, Communications (War Transport and Railways); Dr Rajendra Prasad, Agriculture and Food; Jagjivan Ram, Labour.

Sir Shafa at Ahmed Khan Health and Education and Arts; Syed Ali Zaheer, Legislation Prem and An C. Rajagopalachari Industries and Supplies Sarat Chandra Bose Works, Mines and Power C H Bhabha, Commerce

They name pour wrote the next day "The Muslim League Ministry in Bengal must be immediately dismissed by the action of the Governor Sir Frederick Burrows While this is of Government should take its place in immediately, but the present Ministry must go. What has happened in Calcutta since Friday morning beginning with the League's Direct Action Day has convicted the Ministry at the bar of public opinion on the double charge of incapacity to administer law and order and complicity in breaking the peace. What further testimony the paper goes on to ask do the Governor and the Viceroy want to dismiss the Ministry? Again one may inquire why was the Police Commissioner not allowed to take deterrent action to the primary stage of the affair which he would certainly have done if left to himself which would have brought the situation in a reasonable state of controllability?

Again it would in the issue of the 20th The bloody shambles to which this country's largest city has been reduced in the

have occurred. No balanced person would charge it with having deliberately planned a catastrophe of such magnitude. Nevertheless, in retrospect its conduct before the riots stands open to the inference and only by its political opponents, that it was divided in mind on whether risings of arms sort would be good or bad. Whatever truth such early inference may contain in the history other blindness failure to present what in its own manner's ends and that of its party it should have been at particular points to avoid is in any one instant. It has fallen down miserably in what should be in the main task of any administration worth the name."

In another editorial on the same day captioned "The Calcutta Scene" the paper wrote: This is not a riot. It needs a word found in medieval history—a Fury Yet Fury connote open tumults, and there must have been was deliberation and organisation in all this fury as its way The hordes who ran about battering and killing with right last table may have found Pam lying about or bought them out of their own pockets but that is hard to believe. Bands found it very to get petrol and vehicles when no others were permitted on the streets. It is not more supposition that case were important into Calcutta to help in making up the numbers."

Mr Jinnah in a statement issued on the 17th said: "Them who are guilty of resorting to indescribable cruelties and bestial passions must be dealt with exacted ing to law no chief subject were to fa m the Muslim League is concerned) contrary to expressed instructions, and they have only stayed him the hands of the enemies of the Muslim League.

Redeeming Feature

The only redeeming feature of this holocaust is the report of mutual help rendered by men of different communities. An A.P.I message dated the 19th refers to "many instances of inter communal co operation Fifty to sixty Hindu men, women and children are being sheltered in a Muslim locality by the local Muslim residents. In another predominantly Hindu zone Hindu residents have formed a protection corps to safeguard the handful of local Muslim residents from attacks by hooligan elements. Cases of Hindus helping Muslim families in distress and of Muslims rescuing Hindus similarly placed are coming in every now and more in light." Another message dated the 19th also another incident narrated by a member of the A P I, living in a cosmopolitan hotel "Christian and Sikh (of the lots) were early stood by fellow boarders of other communities when they were offered a chance of escape to safety by the hooligans. They would not unless themselves alone, and were given help. Hindu Muslims to be permitted to leave the building before it was set on fire. The talks had come in a state mate when a military patrol chanced to pass by. A few rounds dispersed the mob and the refugees escaped to take shelter in an adjoining hospital.

Following the abortive meeting between Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Mr Jinnah at Bombay on the 15th the former is having a session of talks with the Viceroy at New Delhi since the 17th but the final outcome is not yet known by the time of the Muslims Azad Kalam Azad in a press statement, dated the 18th from New Delhi threw attention to the fact that, though the new situation by the Viceroy was unconditional and the Congress was free to make any proposals it liked in the attempt to conciliate the League and other minorities the Congress has refrained from such a course and

to prepared to form the Government in the same basis as before, i.e. a cabinet of 14 with five representatives of the Congress of the League and of other three minorities. Thus the Congress is sending to the League an offer which the League had accepted from the British. He therefore appeals to all leaders of the League to accept the situation dispassionately and come to a decision which will be of benefit to the country and the community alike. Mr. Attlee's statement of the same date held out no desire on his part to accept the offer.

Pandit Nehru however will at a press conference in Bombay on the 16th. It is obvious that we cannot since still countenance such unfortunate lack of co-operation. The door will always be open and we shall always look for the largest measure of co-operation.

South Africa

In the note entitled 'South Africa' in the latest issue of *Inter-Asian* Gandhiji says. 'The humiliation suffered by the Indian settlers in South Africa continues with an added zeal. It promises to be prolonged. The longer the restrictions are made to suffer the greater will be their misery and despair. It is true of all suffering. What the Government of the Union of South Africa has done so deliberately is not going to be changed suddenly made for the sufferings of the brave men and women. This would not be done [illegible] of the fighters but in [illegible] greater and longer [illegible] both spokesmen when [illegible] It is wise to [illegible] it as they must and [illegible] noise [illegible] by [illegible] as they always in favour of the sufferers for the time reason as the [illegible] I feel more intense at [illegible] exposed as it is unnatural [illegible] it is never long suffer so. [illegible] must lose hope whether it is a suicide measure or [illegible] a lesser loss of life or disunity will be the result in a society by

World Students Congress

The question of colour bar in South Africa was to be raised by the Indian Delegation at the International World Students' Congress which was to open at Prague on the 19th. Pandit Jawaharlal says in a message to this Congress. The world is in a bad way and though the world war is over we are still in the tension of conflict and possible future wars. It is for the youth of the world to unite humanity from the tragic road and to build anew on sound foundations. Those foundations must mean the all sections of Freedom and Democracy and Colonialism and Fascism as it is the domination of one country or people in some cases, then only there will the less inequalities of genes and progress be [illegible] the less of war increased and the various peoples of the world co-operate I gather to build a new order of human [illegible] For freedom is indivisible just as peace is to be is indivisible."

'Akali Sikh Leader Welcomes Interim Govt

Master Tara Singh leader of the Akali Sikhs the largest Sikh community welcomed the inclusion of the new interim Indian Government. I hope it will make a sincere and honest endeavour to attract the Muslim League also and thereby work in the immediate Independence he said

Communal Leaders Arrested

From communal unrest in stedding A. Naughat a member of the Madras Legislative Assembly, were arrested in connection with the strike of 20000 South Indian railway workers. Half way officials think the strike must end soon as 4,000 trains are still at work and many are trying to work.

May Go On Strike On September 11

Fifty thousand workers of the Tata Iron and Steel Works and associated concerns in Calcutta will strike on September 11 if their demands for a [illegible] system of wage increases, profit sharing bonuses and better housing facilities are not met.

Portuguese Government Refuses Gandhi's Request

The Government of Portuguese Goa has declined Mahatma Gandhi's request to let a representative of his weekly newspaper, *Harijan* interview Mr. P. Kakhanker, a Goa citizen who is reported to be fasting [illegible] death. The Portuguese Government said that it was impossible to accept, in a purely internal matter, newspapermen to report on his facts. Gandhiji's reply cabled to the head of the Information Bureau in Nova Goa. All over the world I have heard of foreigners and [illegible] journalists being admitted by countries owning for world sympathy and opinion even in normal [illegible] I should not have thought that the Portuguese Government was indifferent to the criticism of mankind."

High Commissioner For United Kingdom In India

India welcomes the announcement from Downing Street of the impending appointment of a High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in India as indicating the new relationship which will exist between the two countries, says the Times Delhi correspondent. The Indian Government will deal through him with the British Government on such matters as British Commonwealth policies in United Nations and in due course, as negotiations for a treaty between Britain and India. Economic relations, including the question

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PASSIVE RESISTANCE NOTES

Ten passive resisters were each sentenced in a fine of £3 or 30 days hard labour after pleading guilty in a charge of trespassing on Corporation land on Wednesday night August 28.

Seven passive resisters from Capetown were arrested on Thursday night August 29 for trespassing on Durban Corporation land. They were led by Mr Edward Tippoo. They were brought before Mr G T Stokes in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Friday morning and each was sentenced to £3 or 30 days hard labour.

Eight passive resisters, four from Stanger and four from Durban were arrested on Friday night August 30, for trespassing on Durban Corporation land. They were led by Mr D M Reddy. They came on Saturday morning before Mr G T Stokes in the Durban Magistrate's Court and were each sentenced to £3 or 30 days' hard labour.

On Sunday September 1 Miss Mary Barr led a group of 13 women passive resisters and were arrested for trespassing on Corporation land. They came before Mr G T Stokes in the Durban Magistrates Court on Monday morning. Seventeen 2 and were sentenced to £3 or 30 days' hard labour. (Miss Barr's statement in Court appears elsewhere in this issue.)

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On Wednesday night ten passive resisters, all Cavendish farmers, were arrested for trespassing on Durban Corporation land. They appeared before the Magistrate's Court on Thursday morning and were each sentenced to £3 or 10 days imprisonment.

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One of the passive resisters who was serving his sentence in the Durban gaol paid his fine and got released on Monday.

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No action has yet been taken by the authorities regarding the passive resisters who have compiled a piece of Indian law on land and, as Indians demand home in centre land areas at the Bluff Durban.

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Five Pretoria Indians arrived in Durban on Wednesday morning to take part in the passive resistance movement.

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Ten men and two women—members of the Capetown group who went to gaol for trespass 28 days ago—came out of prison on Wednesday morning. They were welcomed to 30 days hard labour but it is understood that part of the sentence was remitted for a first offence.

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Mr Sarabjan Rusmoojee who was sentenced to three months imprisonment, charged under the Natives Amendment Act, and in default to be released on September 9 was transferred on Friday, August 30 from the Durban Central prison to King Edward VI Hospital owing to having a dangerous ear.

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A letter has been addressed by the Natal Indian Congress to the Minister of the Interior, Senator C. P. Cilliers, in regard to an action having been taken against Mr George Singh for occupying a flat in Brighton Road Wood worth in violation of the Asiatic Land Tenure Act.

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Senator J. J. Smith, Mayor of Durban had offered the services of Mr W. L. Hawes Durban Depute Town Clerk and Legal Adviser on the Durban Govern. ment's negotiations to the United Nations Organisation in reply to the complaint of ill treatment to Indians. A telegram thanking the City Council for the offer, and acknowledging Mr Hawes' ability has been received by the Mayor, from the acting Prime Minister, Mr J H Hofmeyr, on behalf of General Smuts. The telegram states that General Smuts will have both Senator the Hon. J. J. Smith and Mr A. L. Hawes in mind when on the Indian question.

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Mr Norman Thomas, who has on several occasions been an unsuccessful Socialist candidate for the Presidency in the United States in a message to Indians:

> 'The success of the passive resistance movement in South Africa will be a stimulating in us all. The struggle of men and women of Indian descent for equal rights in South Africa is part of the world wide struggle on which any one hope of lasting peace depends.

The message continues 'I am deeply impressed by the strength of passive resistance movement. We Americans can send a message of sympathy to those South African Indians without a sense of shame for his own country's role of Indian discrimination. We are fighting against it here and we are making progress

NEWS IN BRIEF

Left For U.S.A.

Mr M A Naidoo, a member of the South African Indian Congress delegation to the United Nations Organisation left Durban on Saturday August 31 by flying boat for the United States. The other members comprising Mr A. I. Kajee, Advocate A Christopher and Mr P R. Pather are still waiting to see if the UNO climate are to be postponed till January in that case they will postpone their departure.

Union Government's Delegates To UNO

Mr D D Forsyth Secretary for External Affairs and other members of the South African delegation to the meeting of UNO in America will leave the Union by air on September 12 for London. The delegating Indian Senator Sharpeston, Major Hahn (Native Commissioner in Transkei) Mr H J Allen (Native Commissioner at Witbank), Mr T H V Reeds (Under-Secretary for the Interior) and Dr L. C Steyn (Legal adviser) The future of South West Africa will be discussed at the meeting.

Thanksgiving And Prayer

A service will be held in St. Aidan's Hall Cross Street, on Sunday September 8 at 2.30 p.m. in after to God Thanksgiving and Prayer for Divine guidance of the first All India Government established in India. All are invited to attend. A collection will be taken which will be sent to Gandhiji to be given to the poor in India.

Social And Economic Colour Bar

In the course of a speech at the Bantu Social Centre in Durban on Friday night August 30, Mrs. F A Lucas M.C., expressed the belief that two types of colour bar existed in South Africa—the social and the economic. The social be said could not be changed within a short time and there was no principle of injustice involved but the economic colour bar could not be defended. The social bar, he said was not the result of legislation — there is there was no act called the Colour Bar Act. The Apprehensible Act was far more unsocial since it showed the attitude of a section of the people who wanted the colour bar for their own protection. Strike action on the part of the African would not achieve any results or bring about any change in the colour bar, since the European held the weapons which could destroy the airplane.

Rhodesia Government's Native Policy

Addressing a meeting in Bulawayo last week, Sir Godfrey Huggins, the Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia is reported to have said that the policy of the Government was not to train African into political ism, but to improve their health and housing and to enable them to distinguish between good and evil and as they improved and the vote that went with to see that they were not exploited but received an adequate reward in cash and general living conditions. We are rapidly reaching a stage when national economy will no longer permit or support a mass of illiterate Native taxed solely as agricultural and raising livestock" he said Every Native would have to realise soon that he could not expect to be a farmer in a Native area, and at the same time supplement his income by labour in industry "He will have to concentrate on one of these two streams of life." The Native population had increased by about 040,000 and if that rate of increase was maintained an additional 16 000,000 acres of land would be found in every 20 years. That was an increase of more than half over the present acreage allotted to Native occupation He emphasised these figures, which represented the crux of the problem, and were not generally appreciated in the colony today, were the answer to those who "airily speak of keeping the Natives human in the reserves."

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[illegible] Advocate [illegible] on behalf of the Applicants.

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INDIAN OPINION

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GROANING WORLD

"I DO not believe that it is too late for us to save ourselves. It is much less so for India. India can only discharge her duty in this great crisis by simple and ennobled life, by development, but through living at peace with the world.

—Gandhi

Indian Opinion

FRIDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1946

The Turning Tide

WE feel happy to find that the tide in South Africa is beginning to turn and some sane and serious thought is being given to the Colour Bar which is the burning question of the day. We are happier still to find that this serious thinking emanates from wholly unexpected quarters—the *Natal Mercury*. For very many years, we regret to have to say, the *Natal Mercury* has pursued a policy in regard to non-Europeans which has been far from sympathetic. It has always defended the Colour Bar and has been an ardent champion of the policy of segregation. It is an agreeable surprise, therefore, to find in it a great change in its tone. Why this all the sudden change has taken place, it is not easy to make out. But suffering has its reward and the intense suffering, the more workers on the Rand have undergone during their recent strike for better conditions of life and the sufferings our people—men and women—are undergoing are beginning to have their effect. It is gratifying to note too that while on the one hand attempts are being made to belittle the passive resistance movement and the other out and out suppression is beginning to invoke the thinking European public to their consciousness. This is evidenced from sympathetic letters appearing in the Press. Even the Rt. Rev. J. N. Taylor, Lord Bishop of Natal in his charge to the Diocesan Synod of Natal held later day was commended in the following observations:

"During the last few months there has been a state of tension between sections of the European and Indian populations. However much we may differ about the Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act we cannot but deplore the bitterness and antagonism which have been aroused. The test of legislation is whether it is an honest attempt to safeguard the legitimate interests of every sectional and race group.

"All must be given full opportunities of advancing according to their capacity, without undue restrictions and without undue interference with the rights and claims of others. How this is to be done is a problem for wise statesmanship to solve. While on the one hand prejudices and passions are roused on both sides things are said which are, neither wise nor reasonable.

The Lord Bishop pleaded for restraint and a more co-operative spirit of true Christianity. This weighty statement coming, as it does, from the Lord Bishop of Natal is bound to have its salutary effect.

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The truth is that [illegible] the Institute of Race Relations with its Youth Movement has proved [illegible] to us and has [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] White South Africa.

"The period in South Africa is drawing to a close in which honourable compromise is possible between the claims of the various races that compose our community and its period can only be extended if a new spirit of goodwill is displayed."

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Among the speakers were Messrs. J W Godfray A H Watt, M. P. M. Joshi, who had come on a visit to Durban from Pretoria, Mr P R Pather, Mr Manyon Mr Satyadev Dr Miss Singh who has recently returned from England after completing her medical course Mr Maulvi Gandhi and others

The speakers paid a glowing tribute to the late Mr Pherozeshah Mehta for the magnificent gift he had given the Indian community and congratulated the Trustees and the members of the Committee for their efforts in ministering to the needs of the public that took advantage of the institutions.

Mr Sorabjee Rustomjee thanked Dr Lunat for presiding over the function and the public for their co-operation without which, he said, it would not have been possible to keep this institution existing all these years.

Mahatma Gandhi had sent the following message on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the Library and the Hall

"Wadi Parsee Rustomjee Hall and Library Silver Jubilee function every success and hope that Library has served and will continue to serve useful purpose

A FIRM HAND

The September Number of Common Sense writes

FIFTY men and women of all races and colour are on trial in Johannesburg for political offences. It is alleged that they were in effect responsible for bringing 50,000 Native miners out on strike last month. Until the case is concluded comment on its implications must be withheld. But whatever the outcome of these proceedings may be, it would be foolish to imagine that industrial disputes can be settled in a criminal court. For years and certainly since the Lansdown Report of 1943, we have all known that indoor conditions on the Rand cannot much longer continue. In our opinion trouble is imminent to-day. If the Government does not take a firmer hand not with the miners anyway. The initiative upon has

tility to any form of trade unionism among Natives in utterly unreasonable. If they were really as far sighted and statesmanlike as they pretend to be, the mine-workers would actually assist a Native trade union the only that would hasten the day when they could remove the Colour Bar and so get an honest day's work in the industry in return for a living wage. The present policy of refusing black Pains to pay white Paid on a scale that he seldom earns is leading the whole country in the wrong direction There are signs that this lesson is being learnt belatedly on the Rhodesian copper belt, where the attempt to follow the Rand example was met in full force that in South Africa."

INTERIM GOVERNMENT

(From our Bombay Correspondent)

September 10

THE Interim National Government has made a good beginning The Secretariat in New Delhi is being rapidly adjusted The new Ministers are on duty at 10 a.m., long before the Civilian Secretaries arrive.

The Ministers of Food their officers mean nine lunch till 5 o'clock, a practice which has never been heard of in the annals of the Secretariat at Delhi The usual practice in the afternoon was to spend the time in the residences of the respective Secretaries. That old practice has now been given up and the whole staff, including the Secretaries have to put in a full days work.

All the Members meet daily in conference in Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's room

The Indian question in South Africa is receiving the Cabinet's special attention A strong delegation headed by Mrs. Vijaya lakshmi Pandit is being sent by the Government to UNO Sir Raza Ali has refused for political reasons while Pandit Kunzru for personal reasons is accompany the delegation.

The lead problem is also engaging the Cabinet's immediate attention

The Interim Government is not in any way changed by Muslim League's attitude. It proposes to go ahead with the Constituent Assembly plan. The abolition of the salt tax is only a question of a few days.

Gandhiji will be staying on in Delhi pending the forthcoming All-India Congress Committee meeting

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

THE M K Gandhi Library and Parsee Rustomjee Hall Committee celebrated the Silver Jubilee of that Institution on Tuesday September 10 The Parsee Rustomjee Hall where the celebration took place was adorned with the national flags of India and an illustrated booklet was distributed among the audience containing an account of the charities in connection established by the late Parsee Rustomjee and the Trusts created by Mahatma Gandhi.

The hall was fully packed with men, women and children, as befitted a function of the community. The function was presided over by D. Vadi Pahat Patel who in taking the active part in the Passive Resistance campaign against the Asiatic Act and who was recently released from prison

The Hon. A. J. Dotwood said the main item of the last annual general meeting of the Gandhi Library report which was duly adopted

OUR INDIA LETTER

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Baroda August 29

Definite Step Towards India's Goal

THE announcement of the Interim Government is a definite step towards the achievement of Indian goal. Lord Pethick Lawrence's courage will go down in history." said Shri C. Rajagopalachari voicing the feelings of the bulk of the people. "The Labour Government has been in good spirits word under the most difficult circumstances."

The Viceroy's Broadcast

The Viceroy's broadcast laid stress on the following points: (1) The new Interim Government is to operate under the existing constitution (2) the efforts of the Viceroy as well as the Congress President will still be directed to persuade the League to join the Government; (3) the Muslim League has been offered 5 seats out of 14 of which 6 are to be nominees of the Congress, and it is for representatives of the minorities. The most important portfolios will be equitably shared; (4) the Viceroy will implement fully His Majesty's Government's policy of giving the new Government the most ample freedom in the day to day administration of the country. (5) in the field of provincial autonomy the new Government will not have any power or indeed any desire to intervene in the field of provincial administration; (6) the War Member in the new Government will be an Indian. But the constitutional position of the armed forces is in no way changed. They still owe allegiance, in accordance with the oath to the King Emperor to whom and Parliament I am still responsible; (7) the Interim Government can be reformed if the League decides to come in; (8) with regard to the Constituent Assembly the procedure laid down in the statement of May 16 will be finally adhered to; (9) the Congress is ready to agree that any dispute of interpretation may be referred to the Federal Court.

Some Longmers Satisfied

The promises contained in the Viceroy's broadcast seemed to satisfy a section of the Muslim League as shown by the statements of Chundrigar Khaliquzzaman and Mr Y. L. Lari Leader and Deputy Leader respectively of the League Party in the U.P. Legislative Assembly. The Quid e Azam, in a statement issued on on August 26 described the efforts made to the League as vague and said. "If the Viceroy's appeal is really sincere and if he is to succeed, he should translate it into concrete proposals and by his deed and action.

Assault On Sir Shafa at

Nothing further has transpired after that except that a circular letter has been sent to all the members of the Muslim League Party in the Central Legislature to the effect that as member of the Party should attend meetings of any committee including standing committees of various Government departments and minal committees or bills or any conferences etc. convened by the Government of India. In the meantime 2 unknown youngmen attacked and stabbed Sir Shafa'at Ahmed Khan a member-Incharge of the army department in the Viceroy's executive council at Simla. The attack was with universal condemnation, in which Mr Jinnah also joined and Sir Shafa'at is on the way to recovery in a hospital at Simla. "Even if I have to undergo twenty operations at this hand" he said to an interviewer, "I shall do so cheerfully, unswerved from my principles of policy for which I have joined the Interim Government.

The Calcutta Disturbances

The official figures given out at Calcutta on August 31 were 2 020 dead and 4 291 injured 30 000 had left Calcutta by that date. The Viceroy had paid a visit to Calcutta, toured the affected parts of the city. The Governor decided to take stringent precautionary measures on 1st Day. Agitation amongst the locals arriving in New Delhi from Calcutta, says a Free Press message from New Delhi, is said that both Mr Suhrawardy and Mr Fazlul Haq appeared to have been extremely intransigent. The feeling in Calcutta was one of bewilderment at Mr Suhrawardy's inaction." "Thousands

PANDIT NEHRU'S BROADCAST

"WE hope that India will have friendly and co operative relations with England and the countries of the British Commonwealth, but it is well to remember what is happening in one part of the commonwealth—in South Africa where racialism in the state destroys" said Pandit Nehru the head of the new All India Government in a broadcast from New Delhi on Saturday, night September 7

"If this racial decision is going to be tolerated it must inevitably lead to vast conflict," he added

"The Interim National Government is part of a larger scheme which includes the Constituent Assembly which will meet soon to give shape to the constitution of a free and adepted East India

"It is because of the expectations of the early realisation of full independence that we have entered this Government and we propose to function to achieve progressively that independence in action both in our domestic affairs and in our foreign relations

We shall take full part in international conferences as a free nation with her own policy and not merely as a satellite of another nation.

We hope to develop close and direct contacts with the nations and to co-operate with them in the furtherance of world peace and freedom

"We propose to keep away from power politics of groups aligned against one another, he said

Touching briefly on domestic policy Pandit Nehru said we shall look to the common and forgotten man of India and seek to raise his standard of living

"We do not look upon the Constituent Assembly as an arena for conflict or for the forcible imposition of one viewpoint over another

"I make it on the move and the old order has passed We go forward to success to independence and to freedom and the well being of the 400,000,000 of India.

This was Pandit Nehru's first broadcast as head of the new Interim Government.—Sapa Reuter

neighbours of the other community. Mosques of them had been harmed. The Governor also broadcasting on August 20 said: There have been communal murders of Muslims murdering Muslims in their homes and Muslims murdering Hindus. These deserve the high est praise. According to official estimate the death toll had, on August 21 mounted to 3,000 the figure including only corpses removed by the municipalities from the streets and the mortuary in the city.

Threats To Political Opponents

Riots flared up last week at Dacca, Delhi and Allahabad and were brought into control. An instance is reported from New Delhi how political opponents are being harassed and intimidated. "The Delhi office of the Jamiat-ul-Ulema says a Free Press message dated August 31 "was broken into by three men on Saturday night and some bricks and rockets were found. The men carried away cash amounting to Rs. 500 at one time or pass to a small table. When the police arrived in hearing the noise at the pass the culprits had already made away. It is understood that several Jamiat leaders have received telephone calls threatening them that no body they join the League they would be murdered. The office of the Jamiat has been threatened with fire if the policy of the Muslim organisation does not change. Leaguers have been holding demonstrations before the office daily.

In a statement issued on August 1 Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru recommended the formation of a Mohalla self protection committee.

What Can Violence Do

In an article entitled "What Can Violence Do?" in the latest issue of *Harijan* Gandhiji says

"I newspaper reports are to be believed responsible Muslims to-day and other equally responsible Leaguers admit all manners of terrible things in naked language. Nekedness itself is a virtue as distinguished from hypocrisy. But when it is a hymn of obscenity it is a place to be ashamed whether it registers a League or any other person. Any Muslim who is not in the League is a traitor ought one. The Hindu is a 'kafir' deserving the fate of such says another.

"Calcutta has given an ocular demonstration of what disgraceful actions and how it is to be done.

What is the gainer? Certainly not the Muslim masses over the whom followers of Islam which itself means submissiveness and peace. The very salute 'Salam-alaikum' means 'peace be unto you'.

Place Of Violence In Life

"Violence may have its place in life but not that which we have witnessed in Calcutta assuming as course that newspaper accounts are to be trusted. I abhor it whether the less or in the through senseless misuse. When I write of massless violence I naturally assume the possibility of possible violence whatever the latter may be. The Calcutta massacre will be was not an illustration of possible violence.

What massless violence does is to prolong the lease of life of the British or foreign rule I believe that the authors of the State Paper have by the Cabinet Mission desire peaceful transfer of power in responsible Indian hands. But if we need the use of the British gun and bayonet, the British will not go or if they do, some other foreign power will take their place. We will make a serious mistake if every time the British bayonet is used, we trust not the agent are vexatious. We doubt he has been at work. Let us not like that have in Delhi.

"Calcutta has earned a bad reputation. If he near the many wild transgressions during the past few months. If the evil reputation is sustained for some time longer it will seem to be the City of Palaces. It will become the city of the dead.

"Would that the sinfulness of Calcutta were sterilised and did not become a signal in its arrest all over. It depends upon the leaders of the Muslim League to ensure, but the rest will not be free from responsibility. They can repudiate or refrain. Refraining is easy and simple if there is the will. Repudiation is complicated. Will it has to be fought against tooth or many against one?

Courage Of Bihar Prime Minister

Mr Shri Krishna Sinha, Prime Minister of Bihar says a press message from Patna, refused to have any assent and discountenanced the suggestion of the Patna College authorities by making arrangements for protecting his person in view of the unreasonable feeling in the town when he went to address a meeting of the students of the College on the occasion of the anniversary of its Debating Society on August 21. Mr Sinha said that his personality had been solved by the College authorities to make arrangements for his protection and asked: "Protection against whom?" If the boys of the University seem after imbibing the culture of the great poets and philosophers, could not put up with him he had better place himself in a gentleman where they could throw five stones to him instead of each. It would be a pity he said if he had to expose before them with the support of the might of the police. Needless to say the occasion passed without any untoward incident.

NOT MERELY AN INDIAN ISSUE

"Our guiding principle will be India's freedom and India's honour, and we shall seek to extend them wherever they are threatened. To-day they are threatened in South Africa and the question is an All-India question in which all of us are involved. In India, as in South Africa, or in international assemblies we shall fight this issue, and we will not give in till we secure full recognition of India's rights and India's honour. The struggle in South Africa is not merely an Indian issue; it engages all Asia and ultimately the Africans who have suffered so much by racial discrimination and supported us. The struggle is against the spirit of racialism and for equality of opportunity for all races.

—PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

BENGAL PRIME MINISTER'S FORECAST

The possibility of a full scale civil war throughout India was forecast in an interview by Mr Suhrawardy to the Prime Minister of Bengal. Mr Suhrawardy it was Sunday from Calcutta for a conference with Mr Jinnah in Delhi. As the very ministers of the Moslem majority of states, who can contemplate with any degree of complacency the possible nightmare of the Hindu Nationalist struggle in all parts of India as a result which is not that of the main fight against the British Government and the Congress Party but in all India that the Moslem League might still be referred to by the Viceroy in his new interim Government minus the three proposed by the Viceroy and the British Cabinet Mission. I am certain that Mr. Jinnah and the Moslem League would be willing to participate in the Interim Government in the interest of peace in India."

"The Congress Party is drunk with power," he said. "It thinks it has achieved a wonderful victory having got the better of the Moslem League. It does not realise that this is nothing but a burden—a very poor gift of the British Government."

Referring to the recently announced plan for the Interim Government, Mr Suhrawardy said: "It has given the Congress Party something to play with and to distract attention and has created what appears to be a permanent rift between the Moslims and Hindus, which is growing wider every day as it finds expression in communal riots.

Speaking his person in view of the unreasonable feeling in the town when he went to address a meeting of the students of the College on the occasion of the anniversary of its Debating Society on August 21, Mr Sinha said that his personality had been solved by the College authorities to make arrangements for his protection and asked: "Protection against whom?" If the boys of the University seem after imbibing the culture of the great poets and philosophers, could not put up with him he had better place himself in a gentleman where they could throw five stones to him instead of each. It would be a pity he said if he had to expose before them with the support of the might of the police. Needless to say the occasion passed without any untoward incident.

"It is my conviction that the natural consequence and recognition by unscrupulous politicians like Mahatma Gandhi whose the world has condemned is a mantle of mysticism."

The British Government was in no mood to listen to Mr Jinnah's views on the situation because it had taken a deliberate step and would not easily abandon its arm.

"I must mention in both its own terms irresponsible at the extent in which Hindus and Moslems need each other it would be a terrible thought that any Government could have carried out a plan with the deliberate intention of setting one people against another as the British Government has done.

"The shameless betrayal of the Moslem League in our established in history it seems Hindu reason on to wonder that the Congress Party with its great traditions, should have stepped in profit by that and be deluded into thinking that it had achieved something.

"It's wonder if the world realises that the end of calling upon Pandit Nehru to form a Government is already breeding in the minds of Moslems the idea that they are a nation with out a country he added.

—Exp. Reuter

NEWS ABOUT THE STRUGGLE

FIFTY hundred and seventy four passive resisters had been imprisoned up to 6th September 1946. Of the total number sentenced 56 resisters were from the Transvaal. As decided by the Joint Passive Resistance Council resisters leave the Transvaal every week.

Protest When UNO Meets

The Joint Passive Resistance Council is to hold a Indian wide protest anti demonstrations against the Land Tenure Act on the day when UNO Assembly meets in New York. Passive Resistance Council at the Sastri College are making the necessary preparations.

Release Of Dr Dadoo And Miss Asvat

Dr Yusuf Mahomed Dadoo and Miss Zeinap Asvat will be released from prison on September 25.

Dr Dadoo, President of the Transvaal Indian Congress and Chairman of the Transvaal Passive Resistance Council was sentenced to three months hard labour. At present Dr Dadoo with others is appearing in a preparatory examination arising out of the African Mine Workers' strikes. It is expected that Dr Dadoo will be released in Johannesburg.

Miss Asvat, who is a medical student of the University of the Witwatersrand, has proved to be one of the most brilliant women leaders of the Passive Resistance. Serving her three months hard labour in the Pietermaritzburg jail, Miss Asvat will be released in Natal.

The Transvaal Passive Resistance Council is arranging a welcome reception to Dr Dadoo and Miss Asvat on Sunday September 29 to Johannesburg.

Release Of Mr Sorabjee Rustomjee

Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee was released from prison on Monday September 9 after serving three months hard labour in Durban Central Jail. The Transvaal Indian community was to accord Mr. Rustomjee a welcome at Gandhi Hall on Wednesday September 11—

Mrs P K. Naidoo Congratulated

At the last meeting of the Transvaal Passive Resistance Council a resolution congratulating the 5th years old Mrs. P K. Naidoo who has just been released from prison, was passed unanimously. The resolution reads: "This Council records with deep appreciation the part played by Mrs. P K Naidoo in the Passive Resistance struggle of our people. From the Transvaal Mrs. Naidoo is the only volunteer who has served terms of imprisonment both in the Passive Resistance movements under Mahatma Gandhi in 1908-14 and in the present struggle. The action of Mrs. Naidoo in the present struggle against the Ghetto Act is an inspiration to the entire Indian community and a challenge to the Indian youth to make their existence worthwhile in this national struggle."

EUROPEAN SUPPORT

A correspondent over the nom-de-plume "Alva" writes to the *Natal Daily News*:

IT was with envy that I read the report of Miss Mary Barr's arrest and her subsequent imprisonment owing to her association with the passive resistance movement. I sincerely wish that financial obligations did not prevent me from following her most excellent example.

Miss Mary Barr spent many years in India and knows and understands its people and consequently can better than the majority of Europeans who have lived there. She is a woman whose education, culture and principles would never allow her to associate herself with movement which did not aim to accomplish the good and the just.

There are many Europeans in South Africa to-day who would willingly assist the passive resisters if it were not for obligations which they are in honour bound to fulfil, but it is quite likely that in the near future, when means of them manage to make suitable arrangements, that more will come forward.

Miss Mary Barr's action is a welcome gesture to show that not all Europeans in South Africa are ignorant and so prejudiced as, unfortunately, does the unjust Bill would lead the natives of the world to believe.

Common Struggle

The following statement on the common struggle of the non-European people was passed by the Joint Passive Resistance Council at a meeting held in Durban last week:—

This meeting of the Joint Passive Resistance Council of the Natal and the Transvaal Indian Congresses held to Durban on August 31 is convened only as regards by the rising tide of opposition of the non-European peoples of South Africa against the racial policy of segregation pursued by the Union Government and congratulates the many African Colonial Malay and European friends who have volunteered for resistance in the campaign launched by the Indian people against the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act.

"Believing that the struggle of the African, the Coloured and the Indian people of South Africa is a common struggle against racism and oppression this Council records with deep satisfaction the fact that while the ruling community is openly challenging the policy of the white ruling class of South Africa through the passive resistance struggle, the claim sections of the non-European people are also rising in defiance of segregation in particular this Council congratulates the spirited and heroic part played by the African miners in the recent strike when at the cost of many lives and in the face of an unbridled police brutality they challenged the policy of segregation which is responsible for their miserable conditions on the mines. In paying tribute to the African people this Council wishes them all success in their great and good campaign.

"This Council calls upon the African Coloured and Indian people to strengthen further and consolidate their respective national organisations in order to rally their entire communities behind the struggle for national liberation and for full democratic rights for all in South Africa and to launch simultaneously unceasing against oppression thereby uniting all sections of the non European people in unity."

In the forthcoming elections of the Transvaal Indian Congress which will take place on October 20 the question of full and active support for the passive resistance movement will be the most important issue.

Passive Resistance Notes

A group of 13 passive resisters from Dannhauser led by Mr George Ellery, were arrested on Thursday night September 5 for trespassing on Corporation land. They appeared before Mr G T Stokes in the Magistrate's Court on Friday morning September 6 and were each sentenced to £5 or 30 days imprisonment.

In a telegram handed in the Court the secretary of the Dannhauser branch of the Natal Indian Congress said he and his companions had travelled from Dannhauser to give the lie to the allegation that the Natal Indians were not whole-heartedly in support of the Passive Resistance struggle. He said others would follow from Newcastle, Ladysmith Dundee and Glencoe Junction. Two women of the party have remained behind" the statement read, "and will have the pleasure of appearing before you to-morrow morning."

Ten passive resisters were arrested on Friday night for trespassing on Corporation land. The group consisted of three men and seven women—three of whom were women from Dannhauser. They were led by Mrs. V Pillay the wife of Mr Pillay a Durban merchant.

They appeared before Mr G T Stokes in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Saturday morning and were each fined £1 or 24 days.

Ten passive resisters from Clairwood were arrested on Sunday night for trespassing on Durban Corporation land. They were led by Mr S. A. Naidoo. They appeared before Mr G T Stokes in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Monday morning and were each sentenced to £3 or 30 days imprisonment.

Twelve passive resisters, six women from Johannesburg and Rhodesia from Pretoria and one Durban man—were arrested on Monday night for trespassing on Corporation land. They appeared before Mr G T Stokes in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Tuesday morning and were each sentenced to £3 or 30 days' imprisonment.

Twenty passive resisters from Maritzburg, including five women were arrested on Tuesday night for trespassing on Durban Corporation land. They were led by Mr S. Mesgal Chetty one of the Maritzburg Passive Resistance Council. They appeared before Mr G T Stokes in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Wednesday and were all sentenced to £3 or 30 days imprisonment. Statements were read by two of the accused and a third one has told the Magistrate Mr Stokes requested them that the Court was not the place for the expression of political views. It existed to administer the law and was not a political forum.

All arrests were made on Wednesday owing to rainy weather.

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A strike has been passed from the chairman of the Farmers Association of Kaduli Division in the Soral District, India, wishing the passive resistance movement in South Africa every success.

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Things In General

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Rajagopalachariar's Appeal To Mr. Jinnah

Mr C Rajagopalachariar a member of the new Interim Government and in Madras that he hoped Mr Jinnah presidents of the Moslem League, would see his mistake and come round to joining the Interim Government. So far from there being a conspiracy between the Congress and the British, said Mr Rajagopalachari it is the case of Mr Jinnah having made a mistake in thinking that the British were not in earnest about transferring power to the Indians.

Sir Shafa ni's Efforts As High Commissioner

Sir Shafa ni Ahmed Khan a former Indian High Commissioner in South Africa and a member of the Interim Government in a letter to Mahatma Gandhi published in *Harijan* revealed that in April 1943 he warned the Government of India against General Smuts policy and urged India to take the strongest measures against the Union Government regarding the Pegging Act. Sir Shafa ni said that for more than three years—1912 to 1945—I wrote dispatches to the Government of India. My dispatches from South Africa gave a complete picture of the Indian political situation in South Africa, but owing to connections in diplomacy my line were sealed. I came to the conclusion that no redress or grievances in South Africa was possible except by measures to our own home and India to treat Sir Shafa'ni added Smuts unanimous will have to be taken by the National Government and it is desired to publish my dispatches they will clear up many points for the exact opinion of the U N O ' His gold tribute to Mahatma Gandhi's heroic work in South Africa but for which the Indian race in that country would not have survived as a self respecting community

Sir Raza Ali Obuys Mr Jinnah

Mr Jinnah, president of the Moslem League has advised Sir Syed Raza Ali a prominent member of the League not to join the Indian Delegation proposed by Pandit Nehru delivery Council to present India's case against South Africa before the United Nations. Sir Raza Ali a former High Commissioner of the Government of India in South Africa, was reported to have been invited by the new Interim Government to join the delegation. He consulted Mr Jinnah by telegram whether he would accept the invitation

Red Flags In Place Of Black

Scores red flags indicating "direct action" have replaced Moslem black flags in the riot-inflamed sections of Bombay This change followed an appeal to Moslems by Mr Chundrigar president of the Bombay Provincial Moslem League, who said "It is no longer necessary to continue displaying black flags on their purpose—the expression of the Moslem nation s contempt at the installation of a caste Hindu Congress Government—has been served Mr Chundrigar added that the pal situation had declarigned and that there was great danger for the peace and tranquility of the city The immediate situation is the restoration of peace," he said

Dr N P Desai's Speech

The following is the text of the speech delivered by Dr N P Desai when he presided over the Indian session of the South African Hindu Mahasabha to celebrate the occasion of the establishment in India of the Interim National Government under the leadership of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on September 2.

Today it is a day of great jubilation for the Indian in this country Two hundred years of foreign oppression has ended this day The Union premier General Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru stand uppermost in our mind With them we shall remember innumerable men and women who have sacrificed their all and sacrificed their all for the full cause of a country Today will be remembered as the red letter day in the annals of India. Mahatma Gandhi will be the greatest person in India who in his own life time is able to see the achievement of his banking of Truth and Non Violence. There are not more positive qualities but are more effective and fruitful to humanity

The British are quitting India to day not with a heavy heart but with joy and the expectation that the New India will render all assistance to the huge residual Britain Both the parties are victors.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, he fore assuming his high office, said "We regret deeply that the Moslem League has for the moment chosen a different path I shall continue to hope that their co operation and the door in it will always be open. This is the hope of a man who is courageous and bold and sincerely believes that ultimately all will be well in it. We also entertain the hope and we shall ever pray that circumstances will arise when it is possible for the Moslem League to take its share in the responsibilities of the administration of the country and in the day when the ultimate victory will be won by India.

It is my fervent hope that people in this country will be able to assess the value and importance of this very historical day It has been rightly said in todays hansard by my friend Mr Jinnah in New Delhi that today is not the day of laying a foundation stone but it is a day for mending ourselves Apathy I say people here would suggest that we do not feel the oppression and pain.

Friends we are born slaves, but we are happy to learn that we shall rise as members of a free country We should realise that a free India means everything to us. Without it we shall never be able to breathe the air of freedom in this country

We offer our salutations to the Mahatma and the Pandit.

NEWS IN BRIEF

East London Indian Congress

A mass meeting held on the premises of the East London Indian Congress at the Hindu Society Hall to mark the occasion the formation of the Interim Government in India unanimously agreed to send the following wire to Pandit Nehru

Our community tenders its hearty congratulations to your self as head of the interim Government and your wisely elected members of the Cabinet. It is our sincere prayer that you will not consider any sacrifice too great to achieve unity by bridging all estrangement of the communality in your Government. We pray that the Almighty may bless you and your colleagues with health strength wisdom and just rule for the lasting good of country

Among the speakers were the Mayor Councillor H Logan Mr S Cameron Councillor Randall Mr C Miss D Donahue and others.

N.I.C., (Port Shepstone Branch)

A general meeting of the Indian community at Port Shepstone was held in Umbango Port Shepstone on Sunday September 1. The president Mr M. R. Hood presided Mr Ahmanta Mahtab plus of Durban was also present. After the minutes and report were read and adopted the following officials were elected—President Mr M. R. Desai, vice-presidents Messrs. P. Pillay H. M. Gurandas and M. Mahtab Hon. secretary Mr. Ismail Moosa C. M. Moolloo and R. Andhee joint treasurers Messrs P. S. Lalbhai and S. Goomal and 10 committee members were elected Mr Christopher addressed the meeting as a member of the delegation Had recently went to India Has also spoken on the U N O and the question concerning self and the position between the Indian Congress and the Moslem League Mr Christopher said that although the Moslem League had refused to join the Interim Government it was hoped that they would do so in the near future Mr Christopher also said that he was very glad to see the Indian Congress and the Moslem League working together in the Interim Government and hoped that they would continue to do so in the future. Mr Christopher also said that he was very glad to see the Indian Congress and the Moslem League working together in the Interim Government and hoped that they would continue to do so in the future.

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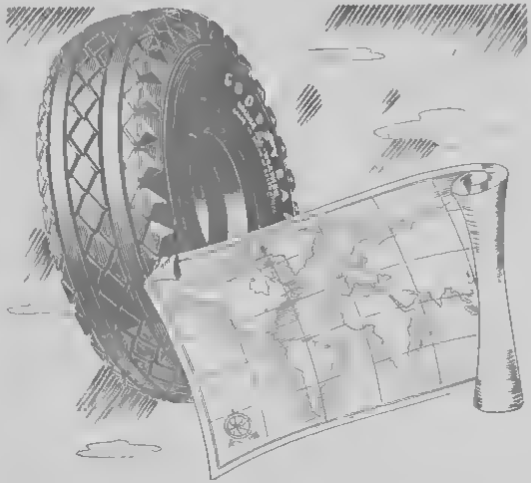
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Allegations Of Misrepresentation

A SECTION of the European Press in South Africa is angered because it feels that exaggerated reports are being published in India and elsewhere about happenings in the country as a result of the treatment of Indians in particular and of Non European in general.

The strength of an accusation, of course, and its exaggerations or on the use of unjustified language but in the correctness of its facts. We regret to have in common that some of our brethren of Indian descendance is a rather unfair language. It will do no good to our cause and it will certainly alienate the sympathy of many of our European friends which we value so much. We must, therefore, at the very outset, express our total disapproval of the use of such language and of exaggerations of any kind whatsoever.

We have neither the time nor the space to deal with it [illegible] but we propose in this article to examine a few of the assertions taken by the European Press.

The *Cape Times*, for instance, refers to a report published in the *Hindustan Times* of New Delhi, sent from its special correspondent, that South African troops and air squadrons are massing secretly on the South West African borders to attack in early next *coup d'etat* if UNO rejects the Union's case for annexation.

Well, we cannot vouchsafe for the truth of this report as we have no facts before us. The same paper then goes on to raise a strong criticism appearing in the Colonial Press of so-called Slum conditions in South Africa and ill-treatment of passive resistance in general. Here are the words:

[illegible]

We have the greatest regard for General Smuts as a man and it hurts us to see him referred to in such harsh terms. But as a representative of Imperial ends as he has proved to be by his actions he has exposed himself to criticism. Apart from being very ill-[illegible] every thing stated in the above paragraph quoted from the Colonial Press we regret to have to say, is [illegible] true. Those who have visited us we have done it places in the Transvaal such as Newcastle, Dalsburg, Benoni and many other localities and what are known as Asiatic Bazaars will not see any exaggeration in what has been said. And the Natal slums [illegible] of Durban [illegible]

What can be the why that the treatment meted out to the natives [illegible] resemble that of the Nazis? Leaves only path open where has not the [illegible] that it created a feeling of embarrassment in many thinking Europeans and it has led to making the natives which will take a great deal of pressure on the part of the ruling race to remove.

The *Cape Times* says on India to quote from the Colonial Press on the treatment of passive [illegible] This is what it says:

[illegible]

Here too the facts are correct. The Indian Natal Indians did happen and it was also a fact that Dr Patel and several others were beaten by some of the warders. We admit the treatment was perhaps not quite as bad as Belsen but it [illegible] same degree and [illegible]

But after all what [illegible] we do not think that [illegible] of the Britishers found [illegible] South Africa referred to in the article has to see [illegible] to very great over South Africa [illegible] misrepresented out [illegible] when it is just as guilty of many [illegible] faults in South Africa. We hope to [illegible] to [illegible] in our next issue.

With Apologies To Senator Clarkson

SENATOR C. F. Clarkson, leader of the United Party in Natal and Cabinet Minister for Native Affairs in that province and [illegible] that the Natal Native Advisory Board [illegible] set up in terms of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act will continue to [illegible] in Natal in spite of the boycott by the Indians. Senator Clarkson said, however that there had not yet been a prosecution of a passive resister under the Act and he thought that probably not more than six who had been arrested would ever be called to [illegible] that if that should [illegible] not prove the futility of the Act. Why have such an Act on the Union Statute Book and why treat the wrath unnecessarily of [illegible] hundred million people. Does Senator Clarkson [illegible] not unusual to the point inviting the fly to come into its parlour?

These are, of course, black sheep in every community and as we [illegible] they do occur and, no doubt, do [illegible] with the co-operation of not black sheep. But that does not mean that the Indian community is satisfied with the Act or that it has submitted to it.

Somewhere in those who have no sense of self-respect and those who can allow themselves to submit to the degradation that the Land Tenure Act leads to we [illegible], have lost all sense of self respect. Senator Clarkson and others who think that [illegible] right to call us senseless for what all, did they not fight the last Great War for the great and noble purpose of democracy and human rights and [illegible] freedom? Talk sense tells them [illegible] that those principles are [illegible] in the Land Tenure Act. We must confess we are [illegible] to understand that one indeed do we aspire to do so. Our sense will not allow us to do so.

We are [illegible] to believe that Senator Clarkson

and his friends [illegible] ves the world. Let us be [illegible] selves. Crucified to save [illegible] to be crucified to save [illegible] measely they are [illegible] paul. Let our tribe of South Africa [illegible] people thrive for that God alone can [illegible] a nation that will save us, [illegible] in Africa and ultimate- [illegible] world from destruc- [illegible] suffering. Christ was [illegible]

ILL-TREATMENT IN JAIL

CONGRESS ASKS FOR ENQUIRY

MR HARRY LAWRENCE Minister of Justice stated to Capetown on September 7 that no investigations would be made into the allegations of ill-treatment of passive resisters in Durban gaol. Quite a few of the prisons concerned had told the superintendent of the gaol that they had been misled and had they known what was in store for them they would not have joined the movement.

Mr Lawrence told the Capetown correspondent of *The Argus* that he had called for a full report on the matter from the Durban Chief Prisons who had replied as follows:

The superintendent of the Durban gaol has assured me that there is not a word of truth in the allegations.

"The report states that all of the natives in the gaol have been fully questioned on the matter and that none of the natives or the Indian prisoners has been in any way ill-treated or has complained of ill-treatment. On the contrary he states that they have told him that some of the natives and Indian prisoners have been in much better health since they have been in the gaol than they were before they were sentenced.

"Further, the visiting magistrate recently visited the gaol with the Indian consul interpreter and all prisoners were paraded before him and asked if they had any complaints. No complaints were made.

"The superintendent states that he has been asked by quite a few of the resisters that if they had known what was in store for them that they had taken a more ordinary prison sentence, they would not have joined the movement. They stated that they were misled.

"It appears that those people were under the impression that they would be treated as political prisoners and not be required to wash or consume prison food.

"The superintendent feels that no other gaol can open its doors and his staff and asks that an inquiry be held into the allegations against them."

Mr Lawrence said that Mr J. R. Sullivan M.L.A. had visited the Durban prison and made a careful investigation into the allegations.

Mr Sullivan, in a letter to him, had expressed himself as satisfied that, contrary to the allegations of the Indian passive resisters, the Indians [illegible] were not subjected to any [illegible] harsh and inhuman treatment.

"These were matters which were brought to the notice of the prison authorities by [illegible] as well as by the [illegible] Hussen Bhikie. As a result of these protests investigations were carried out and [illegible] the malpractices in prison in regard to meatless [illegible] been rectified.

"I found the superintendent [illegible] that all any person [illegible] positive resistance began [illegible] were not subjected to assault and placed on spare diet in the most trivial things. I have no doubt the abominable practice of having locked up a number of resisters in their cells for three days without having given them a liberal dose of castor oil.

"Once he does the assault by a prison warder on Dr Patel in Johannesburg and other incidents in gaols whatsoever and his whole attitude to the enquiry was held after Dr Patel had complained.

"Does he also deny the humiliating and degrading practice of forcing resisters to sit on their haunches in the cells in the prison twice daily and making them hop, toad jump to that each time a prisoner fell in his inability to put down properly?

"Does he deny Mr Mini was flogged and Congress complained about arbitrary punishments as it is for the instant reason above were certainly not those that one would find in any civilized country."

At an Indian Congress complained about inmates having to wash in prison but they were complaining about the manner in which they were made to wash [illegible] nuisance he said, 'when [illegible] at resisters who were [illegible] carry heavy railway [illegible] but they were [illegible] in [illegible] various examples [illegible] put paul to sworn [illegible] We never lodged [illegible] at inmates being [illegible] at prisons food [illegible] which the food [illegible] the exposure of [illegible] him to dust before [illegible] at

[illegible] has been exposed [illegible] prison diet and [illegible] in which [illegible] criminal or pall [illegible] it is levied.

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THE INDIAN QUESTION IN SOUTH AFRICA

By BISHOP FERGUSON-DAVIE
In The South African Church Weekly Newspaper

THE Europeans in South Africa have rather mixed feelings about the result of the passing of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act. They feel that very wild statements have been made by Indians from South Africa speaking in India, Great Britain and America. They regard as ridiculous and unjust imputations that the numbers under the Indian pact are few. And they are satisfied in the fact that a large number of Indians in South Africa, including some doctors, some women of culture, some ex-soldiers as well as many men and women in humble ranks of life have been prepared to go to gaol on a protest against the Act. What in all this Indian unrest?

Unfortunately inaccurate and at times quite false statements have been made by people opposed to Indians not only in letters to the Press and in ordinary conversation but even in Parliament. Some one has to go back to simple facts about the Indians in South Africa.

How They Were Brought

The Indians were in the first case, brought to Natal through the action of the Government in sponsoring it at the strong desire expressed by the Europeans in Natal, particularly by the people of Durban but only by the sugar planters.

The first important demand for the introduction of Indian labour was in 1851 at the public meeting in Durban held to pass an address of welcome to Sir George Grey. This meeting by a large majority resolved on asking Sir George Grey to sanction the introduction of coolies or other labourers from the East in order that the new enterprises on the coastlands for on the success or failure of these young enterprises depends the advancement of the colony in its various and rapid declines.

Sir George Grey writing the coastlands and quickly got in touch with India on the subject. At first Natal did not offer good enough terms and the Government therefore would not let any labourers come. But when Natal raised her terms sufficiently, the Government of India granted some 300 the first thousand labourers arrived. They were to be indentured for five years and then were to be free and could stay in the country if they wished. At the end of the seven they were to be given a free passage back to India if they wished to go. If they wished to stay it was laid down that the Governor of Natal might grant them Crown land in the value of their passage money instead of the free passage.

So beneficial was their work that within four years of their arrival a sub-committee of the Durban Chamber of Commerce reported that "the slow process of introducing coolies is chiefly inadequate, and the causes are to a large degree that the Government borrow money in England for the purpose of keeping up a regular and constant stream of immigrants on account of the demand." The Natal Legislative Council accepted the report and voted to raise a loan of £100,000 for the purpose in later years. Sir Liege Hulett then head of the sugar industry also favouring the great immigration by the introduction of coolies said "Durban was absolutely built up by the Indian population."

Moral Responsibility

It is the chosen lands of these indentured labourers who form the majority of the Indian population of Natal. They have since 1860 become an essential portion and wealth just as Europeans in Natal have done. At the present time nearly two-thirds of the Indian trading community and Indian proportion of the Indian doctors and lawyers are descendants of less than seven score indentured labourers. As the Europeans here got the Indians to come to the first place and profited so much by their labours we have a moral responsibility, more beyond any debate pressure, to see that their not but treatment unjust in the end but that they have a reasonable proportion of the wealth and land of Natal particularly of Durban, to which town their presence is due. It is so much due and which according to Sir Liege Hulett owed so much of its prosperity to them. Nor was European another part of Natal think their responsibility in the matter for in 1870 the Natal Legislative Council agreed in the case of Lord Salisbury, then secretary for the Colonies, whom he wrote —

> A small things, we must confidently expect as to the dispersal in condition on the proposed management, that the Colonial laws and their administration will be such that Indian settlers will have completed their terms of service to which they agreed as the [illegible] of being [illegible] long will [illegible] equally with [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] The [illegible] that [illegible] in have [illegible] ed and [illegible] Why [illegible] have [illegible] did most [illegible] And they [illegible] many [illegible] as they could [illegible] which have [illegible] have a [illegible] tion of [illegible] which as a [illegible] possessed [illegible] first law attempt [illegible] law till [illegible] cases in [illegible] them in segregated [illegible] and thereunto [illegible] dians can now [illegible] land. Broad and [illegible] are not kept by [illegible] whose [illegible]

Deprived, Of Existing Right

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It is to be wondered [illegible] the Indians in this [illegible] that they have [illegible] treated. They [illegible] that the council [illegible] by the Secretary to [illegible] in 1906 have not [illegible] to the way that they [illegible] acted.

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Indian Occupations

[illegible] he total of Indian occupation [illegible] even than the land used [illegible] European gardens [illegible] & lands. This indicates [illegible] d and of land owned [illegible] is not such as to [illegible] to in the areas of [illegible] south Indians own a [illegible] of land in spite of [illegible] fact Europeans have [illegible] parts penetrated into [illegible] within a few years ago [illegible] almost entirely Indian [illegible] some areas of outer [illegible] the European have to [illegible] considerably In [illegible] one of such areas, [illegible] in one house have [illegible] the last 17 years, [illegible] retard at about [illegible] 5 —other areas [illegible] in enormous [illegible] Indian houses have [illegible] been spent showing [illegible] that Indians have increased [illegible] the European have [illegible] Indians are almost [illegible] of the supposed [illegible] reform by Indian [illegible] ough in small [illegible] and Umbumbo [illegible] their industry [illegible] we get a large [illegible] ops, [illegible] of some Europeans [illegible] Indian purchase [illegible] urban land the Gov- [illegible] pass the Leasing [illegible] this restricted [illegible] ases of land in Durban [illegible] ing which a [illegible] way to investigate [illegible] ties and import [illegible] reported that [illegible] to be done— [illegible] A Natal Tubis Con- [illegible] of the land of in- [illegible] the towns. [illegible] th Garden [illegible] Africa to [illegible] ing affecting [illegible] Affairs [illegible] subject to in- [illegible] not exist [illegible] of Indigirea [illegible] vote on [illegible] with Euro-

To be Continued

OUR INDIA LETTER

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Baroda, September 5.

DOOR TO PURNA SWARAJ (COMPLETE FREEDOM)

...ne would be unworthy of the people's confidence if we functioned in a narrow way looking the good of particular groups or parties and forgetting the larger good of the nation. If we forget this at any time then we shall have ...

...crowned king, Pandit Jawaharlal, and his colleagues rendered the true service which the people expected of them. On August 31 he had said "Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel and others will wear a crown on September 2, but return eager for vengeance on blow for blow. What sin had been committed by them to make so many Musalmans lash upon them as enemies? The League wanted to allow direct action against them, as also against the British Government. He held that the League could not ride two horses at the same time. If it once co-operated with the British, it implied co-operation among themselves. But why against them brother? That was not the teaching of Islam which he claimed to understand fairly. He had lived among his Moslem brothers in South Africa. The Congress could never slip with Britain against the Muslims. The Congress had come in the Interim Government with one object and one only that of winning freedom—pure and unadulterated—for the whole of India with a view to ...

MR. JINNAH INTERVIEWS VICEROY

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Bombay September 17

MR JINNAH President All India Muslim League had an interview with the Viceroy Lord Wavell on Monday. The interview lasted seventy five minutes. The Viceroy was to meet Pandit Nehru before he met Mr Jinnah again.

So far as Congress is concerned Pandit Nehru is the head of negotiations. The United Front League and pro Congress parties in the Muslim Leaguers have ... to the interim ... very ... ...ecialist. It ... to the position ... ...mainly in the Nationalist ... not to ... any ... ...ion but only and only ... ...ion ... ...ing the ... ...e. The Congress ... ...ian Mr Jinnah who arranged the interview before Mr Jinnah and Lord Wavell pointedly said Mr Jinnah would be ... ...at him than ... ...ssion would have ... ...the ... ...of the ... ...Jinnah ... ...ed ... ...and ... ...Muslim ... ...were ... ...ly by the ... ...Constituent Assembly ... ...ve ... ...ill not ... ...ation of ... ...to ... ...a ... ...Mr Jinnah ... ...to ... ...Wavell ... ...longings ... ...to Mr Jinnah ... ...ation ... ...with ... ...interests ... ...they ... ...the ... ...by ... ...not ... ...been ... ...going ... ...

Congress ... ...the ... ...and ... ...League cannot ... ...a ... ...Mr Jinnah ... ...prepare ... ...will ... ...and ... ...Nehru ...

Meanwhile ... ...for ... ...Sunday, with ... ...and ... ...meeting ... ...and ... ...has arrested ... ...Indian ... ...who have naturally been ... ...and ... ...Until ... ...the situation ... ...will ... ...up ... ...and ... ...to ... ...in terms ... ...the ... ...Muslim ... ...case. ... ...Muslim ... ...in ... ...policy of ... ...Congress ... ...has ... ...definitely ... ...decide ... ...Nehru ... ...or ... ...comes ... ...the only ... ...to ... ...and ... ...not ... ...to ... ...Mr Jinnah ... ...Nehru ... ...with ... ...Indian ... ...Kalam ... ...Mr ... ...Jinnah ... ...Mr ... ...Pandit ... ...and ... ...Viceroy ... ...Congress ... ...The ... ...was ... ...and ... ...

Crown Of Thorns

Carlyle has suggested in the new Muslim League of the Interim ... ...new Government ... ...to ... ...to ... ...the ... ...Tax ... ...that ... ...between ... ...pledge ... ...and ... ...would ... ...to said ... ...their ... ...that crown ... ...will be a crown of thorns and ... ...will ... ...the thin blood ... ...capitalists ... ...pounds, ...all ... ...on the Muslim League's ... ...and they ... ...to ... ...for they ... ...only ... ...the same soil. They were angry with the Hindus. The Indian ... ...not

looks at the turn of the India

Meanwhile threats of civil war are being recklessly exhilarated by eminence Raja Ghulam Ali Khan and Mr Mahomed Lane leader, in a speech made on the 1st inst said The day of the swearing in of the Hindu Islamic Government will not be a day ushering in Indian Freedom but will mark the beginning of a civil war—a siege may war between the usurper and the oppressed. Among the possible lines of direct Imperial consultation is a search simple food policy to Muslim majority states If present surplus food falling into the hands of an organised Non-cooperation by social and political boycott of the [illegible] leaders said "Anyone using violence is the great enemy of this community and the country. No violent movement has ever succeeded in India

While such that was his assurance—very candid is—was perceived at Calcutta a number of incidents have also come to light where Hindu mobs have asserted itself The latest is a report published by the Statesman on 11th August A Hindu family was saved by the timely intervention of Muslim friends when they were about to be attacked by Hindu mobs armed with iron bars, daggers and other weapons The Muslim women set aside their purdah appeared before the bloodthirsty mob determined to kill and plunder,

Africa as we have followed their heroic struggle in India's honour and human rights Now on the eve of a change in Government in India, when we are entering on a new and serious responsibility I should like to repeat the greeting and assurance I today Indians in the interest in all Africa and that position in All India point on in which all leaders are anxious [illegible] of South Africa of [illegible] national questions as all light this issue will as well as gave us till we can fulfil cognition of Indian rights and India's honour The struggle South Africa is, however, not merely an Indian issue It concerns all Asians whose [illegible] and rights are threatened and all the people of Asia should therefore support it

It concerns all [illegible] Africans who have suffered so much by racial discrimination and suppression It concerns [illegible] for sympathy all appeal by [illegible] all races and against the Natal

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A PROHIBITED IMMIGRANT

SUPREME COURT JUDGMENT

An appeal at the Principal Immigration Officer at Capetown against a decision of the Immigration Appeal Board was upheld by Mr Acting Justice Duncan in the Capetown Supreme Court on September 1.

The appeal related to the entry into the Union of the son of an Indian living in the Union. The Indians concerned were Mithal Ragga and his son Abdulla Mithal.

The son was introduced into South Africa in November 1945, as a child of a domiciled person and was allowed to stay. In October 1945 however the Principal Immigration Officer became aware that he entered the Union in contravention of a permit which Ragga held.

The permit gave Ragga all rights and privileges except that if his wife and children have not been admitted on the basis of this permit he will not be permitted subsequently to introduce any of those persons.

The Officer therefore decided that the son was a prohibited immigrant and should be removed from the Union. Mithal appealed to the Appeal Board. The Officer contended before the Board that the document was a temporary permit and that the conditions contained in it were lawful.

The Board held that the permit was an exemption certificate and that the conditions were *ultra vires*.

In his judgment Mr Acting Justice Duncan said that the Court was satisfied that the permit was not *ultra vires*. It was also clear that a person issued by the Union might be a prohibited immigrant.

Mr Justice Newton Thompson concurred.

MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE FOR INDIANS

An appeal to Natal Municipalities to reach agreement among themselves on the question of Indian municipal franchise was made by the Acting Minister Mr D. S. Mitchell when he opened the annual conference of the Natal Municipal Association last week in Durban. Mr Mitchell said that this was a matter which vitally affected local authorities and which, unless a later would have to be dealt with by the provincial Council.

All the local authorities had to do, he said, was to agree among themselves as to what proportion of Indians should be allowed to vote on municipal matters. If they could do this, it would be very much simpler for the Provincial Council when it met to frame legislation to deal with the Indian question.

Mr Mitchell said that the Government was not prepared to go further than the Natal Provincial Council had gone in 1943 when it passed the Municipal Franchise Ordinance. That Ordinance provided that Indians who had the municipal franchise before the Ordinance was passed should retain it, but that no further Indians should be given the franchise. The Ordinance also provided that Indians should be allowed to vote on municipal matters only if they had the consent of the majority of the white voters.

Mr Mitchell said that if the Natal Municipalities could reach agreement among themselves on the question of Indian municipal franchise, the Government would be prepared to go further than the Natal Provincial Council had gone in 1943. He hoped that the Municipalities would be able to arrive at some agreement among themselves on the question of Indian municipal franchise, because if they could do this, it would be very much simpler for the Provincial Council when it met to frame legislation to deal with the Indian question.

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TRANSVAAL AGRICULTURAL UNION

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST INDIANS

The Indians at the Congress of the Transvaal Agricultural Union held in Pretoria last week stated that the farmers' associations throughout the Transvaal had resolved to boycott Indian traders since in their opinion Indians were collaborating with South Africans that the cooperative that the boycott could not be carried out because Europeans traders in the district had all the Indians sufficient supplies to feed the farmers and Europeans were compelled to patronise Indian traders.

One delegate declared that a scheme to use black marketeering by Indians was carried on openly.

The Director of Food Supplies and Distribution, Dr R. J. van Eck, said that he had no power to discriminate on racial grounds. The public, he said, had an indisputable right to deal with whomsoever they wished.

Congress was told that the Government was considering the question of Indian trading rights in the Transvaal.

Another resolution stated that the Government should be informed that the Indians were not prepared to agree to any scheme which allocated to Indians areas other than those in which they were at present living.

INDIANS IN EAST AFRICA

THE East African Indian National Congress at a meeting held in Mombasa passed a resolution firmly opposing the proposed control of immigration to East Africa.

The congress was attended by members of a delegation led by Sir Maharaj Singh appointed by the Government of India to negotiate in regard to the Indian control legislation which will shortly be discussed in East African legislatures.

The resolution also demanded equality of status for Indians and Europeans in East Africa.

The delegation has been in touch with a number of leaders of public opinion who have been unanimously closely associated with Indians. During the course of the discussions they supported Indian demands for adequate representation for Indians and Africans in legislatures and public bodies.

On resolution stated that it was vitally necessary to promote full understanding between the African, Arab and Indian communities, and proposed that a special organisation should be created to work for their mutual advancement.

As the proposed to establish a Board to help South African Indians, the meeting requested the Government of India to appoint a High Commissioner for East Africa.

The general term of the congress and aim of the presidential address it is reported showed a strong and sometimes bitter appeal to what was regarded as European privilege and domination over the coloured races in East Africa including Africans, and it is known together of the Indian African intelligentsia is common against the colour bar.

RESISTERS WELCOMED

(From Our Own *Correspondent*)

Passive Resisters from Cape Town who were released after a term of thirty days were welcomed by their brothers in Capetown on their return in the City Hall on Mr V. S. Naidu who was in charge of the satyagraha resisters told a *Cape Times* reporter that the resistance movement in Durban was at sadly reduced strength and was losing its grip on the people.

He said that the number in prison at the time of his departure was only about 30 men.

Mr Naidu said that he anticipated a big fight when the Asiatic Bill was introduced in the Union Parliament next month. He said that if the Bill was passed into law the Indians would not submit to it but would resist it.

He

UNION INFECTS RHODESIA

A move to restrict the issue of further trading licences to Indians in Gatooma from Salisbury was made at a meeting of the Town Council there when application by two Indian hardwaremen were unanimously refused. One councillor Mr Coutsee said Britishers in India were now classed as aliens but Indians in Gatooma had been able to buy goods from neutral countries and other sources when the British trader was Enemy. He thought it impossible a newly arrived Indian should be introduced into India into this country when we were closing out all the Union.

(We doubt if the Union of the Town Council of Gatooma is the [illegible] by Mr F Marr [illegible] the Council in a [illegible] says. Africans have [illegible] have said were [illegible] direct representation [illegible] those who were [illegible] probably [illegible] — as if not represented by their people.

INDIAN DELEGATION TO UNO

By our Bombay correspondent

The Government of India, I understand, has instantly decided to send the following delegation to present the case of Indians in South Africa before the United Nations Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, sister of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, leader of the Delegation; Sir N. Sayankar, Sir Mahomed Zafrullah; Mrs. K. S. Reddy Member of the Central Legislature and a prominent Congresswoman of Bengal Kumar Venkatesh Varjanghebander of the Nizam's State. They will be assisted by Mr R. M. Kashanath High Commissioner for India in South Africa, who has been recalled; Mr K. K. Kannaiyar, Secretary Commonwealth Relations Department, Mr Frank Anthony M.L.A. leader of the Anglo Indian community in India, Mr F. P. Pilley, International Labour Organisation, and Sir Lanka Sundram Mr. K. P. S. Menon, India's Agent General in China, will be secretary to the delegation. The delegation will fly when UNO is summoned.

INTER ASIAN RELATIONS CONFERENCE

Says Reuter's message from New Delhi states Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru head of the new Interim Government, sent to the heads of 32 Asiatic countries including Japan and the Soviet republics in Asia an invitation to send delegates to an Inter Asian relations conference to be held in New Delhi between February 18 and March 31, 1947. The subjects to be discussed include race and illiteracy, the transition from a colonial to a national economy, economic co-operation among the Asiatic countries, industrial development, labour, welfare and the status of women in Asiatic countries.

East London Hindoo Society

At the annual general meeting of the above Society held recently at the Hindoo Temple Hall 4th Lees Street Dr. following officials were elected for the forthcoming year: Chairman Dr. Shaktipee Vice-Chairman A. M. Lal Advisory Chairman C. D. Jeeva Treasurer J. Maharaj Secretary M. L. Harry Assistant Secretary N. G. Dhoya Committee: D. Bhikha R. G. Moodley, Mahan R. Naidoo, A. Dullabh, V. Hindocha, D. Karson, J. O. Maharaj, H. L. Harry.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Congratulatory Message To Pandit Nehru

The Cape Passive Resistance Council sent the following cable message to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on the day of the formation of the Interim National Government in India. The cable was signed by Mr Sayed Ismail chairman and Mr Cassim Amra secretary —

"Formation National Interim Government wide and C vinced Congress-Leaguer unity will be cemented under your leadership. Looking forward to free India."

The following message was sent by the same body to Sir Shafi of Ahmed Khan

"Your historical congratulation your ministerial appointment National Interim Government. We rejoice your success and offer our sincere felicitations and thread to We

Cape India League

The Cape Indian League sent a message of congratulations to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru as head of the Interim National Government in India

Sailing For India

Quite a number of passengers will leave for India by the *S.S. Karanja* which is due to sail from Durban on Thursday. Among them are Mr K. I. Desai one of the directors of Messrs. Gandhi and Co. Tongaat and Mrs. Desai Mr. G. J. Mehta of Messrs. Mehta Bros., and Mrs Mehta and children, Mr I. P. Bhagat an old and well known resident of Durban and Mr. S. [illegible] is a well known merchant of Umgeni. They depart for Bombay.

Africans Not Ready For Direct Representation

The granting of two seats to Africans on the Natives Representative Council recently was strongly opposed

Edictal Citation

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[illegible] Defendant

Whereas [illegible] has caused to be issued out of this Court by Edictal Citation dated the 5th day of September 1946 against you in this Court for [illegible] at Richfield Road Kenilla Durban Natal [illegible] and whereas application has been made to me that the said Defendant is absent from the Republic of South Africa and that he has no known place of abode within the Republic and whereas it appears

Things in General

(Extracts From Sapa Reuter Reports)

Pandit Nehru's Advice To S.A. Indians

It would be fatal for Indians in South Africa to adopt violent methods, Pandit Nehru, head of the All Indian Interim Government and Congress President-designate in New Delhi, is hoped to have told Indians in South Africa would cooperate with the Africans in their fight for freedom.

"Only by long-term planning and by co-operation can unity and co-ordination on the basis of peaceful methods be worked to fruition in violence."

American Paper's Comment

The Indian League of America in a magazine *Indi* comments on the situation in South Africa by saying that Indians are fighting not only against the inhuman disposition of the rulers but also against the apathy of their own people.

The Magazine hopes that the Indians leading nations will rally to the aid of Indians. "Indians even in our city (that of New Millford) in the late war suppressed minorities all over the world."

Minority Question Before Security Council

The United Nations Security Council heard a plea made by Mr Masaryk, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, whose Government complained that Greece is threatening the peace of the Balkans. Mr Masaryk said "If there is a persecution of minorities in Greece we will not rest till there is a full investigation against the Bandits South Africa is in the duty of the minority. I am a United Nations. This is in the interest of the Security Council."

Madras Lands In Prohibition

Alcoholic drinks will be prohibited in about one third of the population of Madras from October 1 the province Congress Government announced. Prohibition will be introduced in eight districts, four of which point that was in force before the provincial elections when the Ministry resigned after the outbreak of war. Madras will be the first many Congress Governments in India put into force its pledge.

Invited to inaugurate Labour Assembly Congress and Moslem League members of the Madras Legislature made a joint demand for speedy enforcement of prohibition in the province.

SAROJINI NAIDU'S MESSAGE

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, in a message to South Africans passive resisters, has praised the Indian women who are taking part in the movement. She said: "I send a special message of affection and admiration to my dear sisters and daughters who are playing a brave part in the passive resistance movement. The heart of every woman here is filled with pride and faith in you. By your brave action you have upheld the ideal of Indian womanhood and have exalted the honour of your ancestral Motherland."

—Sapa Reuter

No Confidence In Muslim League Ministry

The Bengal Legislative Assembly in to discuss a Congress Party motion of no confidence in the Moslem League Ministry and the chief Minister Mr H S Suhrawardy when he also in charge of Law and Order.

THE SURAT HINDU ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

A general meeting of the members of the above association will be held on Sunday September 29 at 4 p.m. at the Association Hall 17 Victoria Street, Durban. Members are kindly requested to attend punctually.

Agm in—(1) Minutes (2) To accept Audit and register the written assistant (3) to consider the advisability of 30 persons in terms of the constitution (4) Election of officials (5) General.

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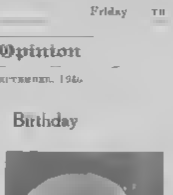
Indian Opinion

FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1946

Gandhiji's Birthday

On October 2nd Gandhiji will be celebrating his 77th birthday. It will be celebrated throughout India and by Indians all over the world. Gandhi's numerous European friends too will be sending him birthday greetings. This year it has a special significance. India has reached the threshold of her long aspired goal of Independence.

The establishment of an Interim National Government is a great step in advance and it is to be hoped that not before long the last step of complete Independence will be taken. India's own women and children have made great sacrifices and have undergone untold sufferings and they very dearly value the great achievement.



MAHATMA GANDHI

Gandhiji will on this great struggle as in every other By the Grace of God he has been able to see during all these and with his eyes the fruits of his labour. He has seen the great principle of non-violence, which he has set before the world raise India's achievement marks the triumph of non-violence over violence.

In 1946 when the "Quit India" practice was repeatedly across the British Government considered of the height of impertinence and they descended upon the people of India in all the fury they could command almost to crush them out of existence. In 1946 they have become friends. There is no rancour no bitterness on either side, and there is no reason why they should not remain friends. It is Gandhiji's desire to live up to 125 years for the sake of the happiness of humanity. Indians in South Africa will therefore join their fellow citizens on the happy occasion of his birthday will fervently pray for the fulfilment of his desire.

It would be well and suitable to the occasion to ponder over his views on the principle of non-violence which he has revealed in the world.

Non-violence Gandhiji says, is not mere passive resistance. It is more than the common people as well. Non-violence in its active aspect is almost to the level of the brute. The law of the brute is force and he knows no law but that of physical might. The moment he rises above the brute he begins to feel the force of the spirit. That force is love or soul force. In terms of power it is infinitely superior to the force of the brute. Non-violence in its dynamic condition means conscious suffering. It means infliction of suffering not on others but on oneself. While the force of the brute rests upon fear, the force of the spirit is based entirely on love. When non-violence is accepted as the law of life it must pervade the whole being. It cannot be kept in cold storage for use against one person or group and practised against others. Those who want to apply non-violence as a matter of policy only in their dealings with the authorities while they may be outwardly non-violent will be violent in their hearts. Such people will never be able to bring non-violence to bear effectively on the situation or on the authorities.

How India Is Misrepresented

INDIANS in South Africa are charged with misrepresenting this country to the outside world. We do not approve of making misrepresentations. But it should not be forgotten that in fact we are the grieved party and as such while ventilating their grievances they are apt to run away with emotion. A certain amount of allowance should be made for that. But it is worthwhile considering what amount of misrepresentation have been made by the British Government and their supporters in regard to India. It is more vexatious how the British propaganda machine works all over the world to vilify Indians. Compared to that used the masterly way in which it is done the so-called misrepresentations on the part of Indians in South Africa are of no significance. As an instance, it is well-known throughout the intelligent world that Miss Mayo's "Mother India" is the worst book on India. It only depicts the dark-est side of India and there is no country in the world which has not that side. It is not and cannot be an authentic book on that country for one who desires to know the actual facts about it. Nevertheless it untill being largely circulated in Europe and other parts of the world by the British propaganda machine. We were shocked to learn only the other day that Miss Mayo's "Mother India" is one of the four most read books in the Johannesburg Municipal Library—rather a poor testimony to the intelligence of the European public.

An instance of how India is being misrepresented in the outside world is given by *The Star* (Johannesburg) which gives publicity to a two column story from its London correspondent. The story is about India's 50,000,000 "untouchables" known as the Scheduled Castes.

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He then goes on to draw the darkest possible picture of these "outcasts" by describing how they are herded together on the outskirts of the village, how they may not walk on village roads, how they are prevented from defilement by caste Hindus by how they must stand at a distance when they are shopping, how they may not draw water from the village wells because they would defile them by doing so and how they are all treated as untouchables, never to be allowed in a moment to forget their shameful lot.

The correspondent then describes how the British rule has meant a great improvement in the outcasts lot, beginning with the abolition of slavery in 1850. "All Government schools," he says, "are open to outcasts and private schools which exclude them can no longer be depraved of the Government grant. Special scholarships to universities have been founded for outcasts and since 1925 some vacancies in public services are reserved for those who can pass the necessary tests, and he makes a point that Dr B R Ambedkar, leader of the All India Scheduled Castes Federation, was himself recently a member of the Viceroy's Council. He then describes the attitude of Ministers Gandhi towards the "outcasts." This is what he says: "His (Gandhiji's) attitude towards the outcasts is interesting. On the one hand, he poses as their champion, invents the name Harijan (child of God) for them, urges Congress to introduce reforms for them and collects money for them. On the other hand, no one has done more than he to keep the outcasts from representation in political life.

"By millions of the untouchables the correspondent says, he (Gandhiji) is regarded as a creature of trickery." Summarily he says, Congress pledged to the removal of untouchability and between 1937 and 1942

when it ca[illegible] ... provincial legislatures ... produced various reforms ... In some at least of these there was not sufficient drive to make them a reality. Lastly, he says "According to Mr Jaya van Ram Minister on the present Interim Government and the few Congress outcasts their degradation is purely an economic question. Dr Ambedkar rejects that it is entirely a religious one

Now the impression the reader would get from this is that neither Congress nor Gandhiji have done anything for these depressed classes of India they have played the part of hypocrites. If anything at all has been done for them it has been done by the British Government and by Dr Ambedkar

This misrepresentation of facts we maintain, surpasses all misrepresentations alleged to have been made by Indians in South Africa about this country in the outside world.

Gandhiji and Congress have never made a secret of their goals and sense of shame in this great sin on the Hindu community They have shunned it from the housetops. That is a thing the Star correspondent has conveniently missed out. He has however dearly not considered it of importance to refer to the work done by Gandhiji and Congress for these outcasts

There cannot be any better testimony than [illegible] M[illegible] Stalkartt, a well known English journalist of international standing. It is interesting to note what he has to say in his "Inside India, the latest book he has written on India. He writes about Gandhiji

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untruthful. We have evidence and from the ordinary man but from men and women of standing who can stand the test of an open and impartial enquiry.

My Satyagrahi humanitarian case was a special case and the good authorities took steps wisely they thought advisable in the circumstances, certainly not with a view to confer any special favour on the Indians concernedly.

So much is being said of passive resistance hence I am paid it might pertinently be asked whether the records will point the last Great War with gold or not. It might also pertinently be asked whether during the last Great War there were not quite a number of South African Whites who while waxing eloquent on the high principles of democracy and humanity were not busy making quite a good bit of money at home. Compared to that we have reason to be proud of having quite a number of men and women who have sacrificed and are prepared to sacrifice for their self respect and national honour besides, of course the small by whose sacrifices are not less valuable. It will not do to belittle the passive resistance movement in that manner. Those who attempt to do so will only be belittling themselves.

God-speed To Mr. Anand

MR. DEVENDRA ANAND special London correspondent of the *Hindustan Times*, New Delhi who came here recently to study the Indian question in South Africa and to acquire first-hand knowledge of the passive resistance campaign against the Union Government's Ghetto Act, has left Durban for Johannesburg last Wednesday whence he will leave for Lourenco Marques to catch the next flying boat to England.

During his short stay in the Union he has come in touch with all sections of the Indian community in the most renowned resort of the Cabinet Ministers and newspaper editors and leading personalities to the European, Indian and African communities. Handsome bloomed to all he came in touch with and has made many friends throughout the Union by whom he will be missed very much. We join his many friends a wishing him god-speed.

INDIANS IN PORTUGUESE INDIA

GANDHIJI'S LETTER TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL

The following is the text of Gandhiji's letter dated 2nd August, 1946 to H. E. Jose Bossa, Governor General of Portuguese India in reply to his letter of the 18th July 1946.

Dear Friend,

It was kind of you to write to me in reply to what I had the Portuguese and between the Africans and themselves. Nor does the history of the Portuguese Settlement in India prove the claim set forth by you in deed what I see and know of the condition of things in India is hardly edifying. That the Indians in Goa have been receiv

received by me in the papers I have consulted. I have also my own information from friends who have visited Goa. I refer to the recent Martial Law in Bicholim and Bragana and the deportation of Dr. Pundlik to Portugal. Whatever the merits of the settlement, it by itself is a clear contradiction of the elementary principles of civil liberty as I understand them. Why should an Indian living in British India be singled out for [illegible]

During the petition of Dr. [illegible] I had occasion, before I left London, to meet many members of the Portuguese Legation in London and to have interviews with the Portuguese Ambassador in London. I have also had the privilege of meeting Dr. Salazar, the Premier of Portugal

SIR RADHAKRISHNAN TO LEAD INDIAN DELEGATION

MUSLIM LEAGUE

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Bombay, September 24.—I understand Sir S. Radhakrishnan is likely to replace Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit as leader of the Indian delegation to UNO Council since Mrs. Pandit is preoccupied with work connected with the Central Assembly which will meet in the third week of October. Indian delegates to UNO are scheduled to leave the country on October 15.

It is very significant that the A.I.C.C. which yesterday approved of Congress accepting the Interim Government did not make one reference to Muslim League. This makes it abundantly clear that Congress has taken up the attitude that they would welcome the League joining the Interim Government and would give them due status and redistribute the portfolios. But they cannot allow any tampering with the principle of collective and joint responsibility and now unconditional introduction of the acceptances of affairs.

Despite vague rumours and propaganda from Delhi the theories of Congress-League settlement are remote, unless the League becomes reasonable. In matters pertaining Defence and External Affairs no time or date limit on which Congress leaders regard joint action essential. Congress leaders are likely to demand a clear announcement as the Muslim League that they would help towards an early satisfactory settlement on issues such as the withdrawal of Indian troops from Iran, Indonesia and from foreign countries generally and the withdrawal of British troops from India thus framing Indian independent status. Unless the Muslim League completely co-operates with Congress on the Congress demand for the withdrawal of British troops from India absence of a Congress-Leaguer coalition seems as distant as ever.

Situation In Bombay

Mr Morarji Desai Home Member of the Bombay Government has been for five days in Bombay studying the local situation. He has held numerous conferences with the Police chiefs and leading citizens of all the communities. He placed the results of his study before the Prime Minister, Mr B. G. Kher on Sunday afternoon. Mr Kher has left for Delhi with Mr Morarji Desai's report, where he will consult Mahatma Gandhi Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. Mr Desai has left for Poona to acquaint his other colleagues and the Governor with the situation.

I understand Mr Desai has seen to the irresistible conclusion that disorders in Bombay are the result of poisonous propaganda. They have been carefully planned. The Government have acted swiftly in checking the spread of riots but stray stabbings are continuing.

The Government are formulating further measures to prevent stabbing. Mr Morarji Desai is satisfied that the situation is under control. He believes communal clashes of a political nature will disappear only when joint electorates replace separate electorates.

According to All India Radio Mr Jinnah met the Viceroy on Wednesday afternoon. The talks lasted one hour and seventy-five minutes.

JEWS AND PALESTINE

By M. K. GANDHI in "Harijan"

HITHERTO I have refrained practically from saying anything in public regarding the Jew-Arab controversy. I have done so for good reasons. That does not mean any want of interest in the question, but it does mean that I do not consider myself sufficiently equipped with knowledge for the purpose. For the main reason I have tried to create many world at once. Without arming my views on them I have enough ideas in the line. But long lines of a dozen paper columns have been the trick and marked a letter from a friend who has said much as this which I would have missed but for the friend throwing my attention to it. It is true that I did my some such thing in the course of a long conversation with Mr. Louis Fischer on the subject. I do believe that the Jews have been cruelly wronged by the world. "Unite in exile" as I am aware, the answer given to Jewish leaders in many parts of Europe. But for their heinous persecutions, probably no quest on of right to Palestine would ever have arisen. The world should have been their home if only for the sake of their unrequited service to it.

But to my mind, they have erred grievously in seeking to impose themselves on Palestine with the aid of America and Britain and even with the aid of armed terrorism. Their citizenship of the world should have and would have made them honoured guests of any country. That their rich and varied talent for commerce and industry should have made them welcome anywhere. It is a fact on the Christian world that they have been singled out, owing to a wrong reading of the New Testament, for prejudice against them. "If I am individual Jew like Einstein makes a great discovery, or another composes unsurpassable music the world goes to the authors and not to the community to which they belong."

No wonder that my sympathy goes out to the Jews in their present misery and plight. But one could have thought adversely would reach them because of peace. Why should they depend upon American money or the British arms for forcing themselves on an unwelcome land? Why should they resort to terrorism to make good their forcible landing in Palestine? If they were to adopt the matchless weapon of non-violence whose use they have practiced have taught and which Jesus the Jew was gladly wore the crown of thorns bequeathed to a groaning world? Their case would be the world's, and I have no doubt that among the many things that the Jews have given to the world, it is would be the best and the brightest. It is even blessed. It will make them happy and rich in the true sense of the word and it will be a soothing balm to the aching world.

[Note: The following are the four lines referred to in the foregoing: "Gandhi also discussed the Palestine problem. 'The Jews have a good case, an affirmed. But he hoped the Arabs too would not be wrong on it."]

Arrived From India

Mr Kirtikumar Jhaveri son of Mahimbhai of the Bombay Hamar Co. Pte. Ltd. Durban, and Mr Kumudchand Roushanal arrived in Durban by seaplane on September 17 from India.

RELEASED FROM PRISON THIS WEEK



Miss JAINUB ASWAT



Dr Y. M. DADOO



Miss MARY DARR

Things In General

(Extracts From Sapa-Reuter Reports)

Warning Against Russian Menace

Dr Pattabhi Sitaramayya, congress leader and until recently a member of the Congress Working Committee last week warned the Indian community at what he described as the impending Russian menace. He told a crowd public meeting at Moulapalem (Madras) invasion of India was not a fantastic proposition. "Russia is knocking at our doors. Burning one foot in the Persian Gulf and stretching the other towards Karachi. We cannot therefore afford in neglect the formation and functioning of a Patriotic Indian soldiery in Territorials Home and a Civil defence force." The Communist Party of India was already carrying on criminal strife within the country said Dr Sitaramayya urging the Indian to be ready to meet the attack.

Shot Fired At Rajaji's Car

A shot was fired at a car belonging to Mr. C Rajagopalachariar, Member for Supplies and Industries in the Indian Interim Government, just after it had left him at the house in the heart of New Delhi during the week end, it was announced from New Delhi on Tuesday September 17. The driver sped on after hearing the shot and later found a bullet hole in the boot of the car. The police later found a bullet embedded in the rear seat.

Afridi Moslems Opposed To New Indian Govt.

A conference of Afridi tribal Moslems at Peshawar passed a resolution that they "can never consult to the Hindu Government installed in Delhi. The resolution also protested against what it described as the recent high handed bombing in Waziristan because tribesmen refused to sell their freedom."

Gandhi On Racing

The view that popular Governments should pause and to racing if it is within their competence is expressed by Mahatma Gandhi writing in the *Harijan* under the heading "Horse Racing". "I have written before regarding the cultivation of mind and money through horse racing but a very strongly worded letter from a friend who says that gambling on the race-course is not a lesser evil than the drink habit, constrains me to write again on this subject," Mr Gandhi said. A

Seven Inches Rain In Twenty four Hours

Tramway and suburban services on most of the routes in Calcutta were halted by heavy rains in which seven inches were recorded in 24 hours ending at eight o'clock on Monday. Domestic quarters the back of the Government offices and business houses, was mostly knee-deep in water and save carrying office

BEHIND PRISON BARS

The following is a record of those who courted arrest by trespassing on Sergeantion land and were sentenced to 53 or 60 days imprisonment, from Thursday September 19, to Wednesday, September 25 —

Sept. 19—10 men from Stairwood and 10 women from Pretoria

Sept 20—11 men from Pietermaritzburg

Sept 20 4 men from Port Elizabeth and 6 men from Stanger,

Sept. 24—7 men from Durban,

Sept 25—3 men Transvaal

The Pretoria group of women passive resisters, which went to gaol on September 19, was led jointly by Mrs S Parumal Pillay daughter of the late Mr. S K Thambi Naidoo, who played a prominent part in the passive resistance struggle led by Mahatma Gandhi from 1908 to 1910, and by Miss Manibai Naga daughter of Mr Narsa Sita chairman of the Transvaal Passive Resistance Council

though, to me opinion gambling at races is not as great an evil as drinking of alcohol, one ought not really to draw comparisons. I do not know all the intricacies of the horse racing. All I can say is that if it is within the competence of a popular government to put an end to the evil, it should certainly do so

vouchers ploughed through water on to their mules.

Police Raid Communist Party Headquarters

On September 18 the police at Cawnpore raided the district headquarters of the Communist Party in India. Six persons were arrested

Moslems In Union Support Mr. Jinnah

The Moslem Welfare Society of South Africa, which claims to express Moslem feeling in the Union has sent a cable of congratulation and support to Mr Jinnah, president of the All-India Muslim League, and have cabled and signed in the Aga Khan for not having any assistance against their betrayal by the British Government. In the cable to Mr Jinnah the society congratulates the Muslim League on the firm stand taken in "upholding the prestige and honour of the Mussulmans of India at the critical stage of our existence." The cable also said: "We shall defend Islam as Indians (whatever what men the cost may be. We shall fight to a man, in vain to preserve all our India, we shall leave this realm; we shall never surrender. A deadlier and more stunning stab in the back could not have been dealt at us than that now by the British whom we mistook for friends and on whose altar our valiant kith and kin got so long ago shed their blood and sacrificed their lives. In the cable to Aga Khan the society says that the Muslim League has been betrayed by the British Government by "their handing over the control of India unconstitutionally to the Hindus." The society asks the Aga Khan as the representative and guardian of Muslims, to intercede and bring about an amicable and honourable settlement. Cables of protest are being sent to Mr Churchill and Mr Attlee



A group of women passive resisters from Pretoria who went to gaol last week

IS GOD A PERSON OF FORCE?

By M K GANDHI In Hindi

A friend from Baroda writes in English

"You ask us to pray to God in pure light in the Whites in South Africa and strength and courage to the Indians there to remain steadfast to the end. A person of this nature can only be addressed to a person. If God is an all-pervading and all powerful force, what is the point of praying to Him? He goes on with His work whatever happens."

I have written on this topic before. But as it is a question that crops up again and again in different languages further elucidation is likely to help someone or other to my opinion Rama, Rahaman, Ahuramazda, God or Krishna are all attempts on the part of man to name that invincible force which is the greatest of all forces. It is inherent in man imperfect though he be cause barely to strive after perfection is the attempt he fails no reward. And, just as a child tries to stand falls down again and again and ultimately learns how to walk even so man with all his intelligence is merely infant as compared to the infinite and ageless God. His only power to be an omnipotent like but is not. Man can only describe God in his own poor language. The power we call God defies description. Nor does that power stand in need of any human effort to describe it. It is man who requires the means whereby he can describe that Power which is vaster than the ocean. If this premise is accepted there is no need to ask why we pray. Man's only occasion God within the limitations of his own mind. If God is vast and boundless as the ocean how can a tiny cup like man limit or what limit can he set to His power? Our experience that the ocean is like it be infinite and is merged in it. This similitude is beyond description. In the Rama Mantra's language man is praying worships his own shortsightedness. He can only pray who has the conviction that God is within me. He who has not need not pray God will not be offended but I one may learn experience that he who does not pray is not a loser. What it does then when the one man worships God as Person and another as Force? Both do right except by the rights. Vows known and performed never will know what is the absolutely proper way to pray. The ideal must always remain ideal. One need only remember that God is the Force among all the forces. All other terms are nominal. But God is the actual force or spirit which is all-pervading all-embracing and therefore beyond human ken.

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Duty To The Cause

Mr R. S. Dhai member of the Transvaal and Krugersdorp Old Boys Cricket Club has signed up to fight the Ghetto Act. It is eminent to the club to do so. My duty to the community first. There is plenty of time for sports and what is the pleasure a meets where no visitors and no game and those men in jail. If they use me I the figures of prison life I would have myself to stay behind. Other members of the Old Boys who have already served their time to R. S. Dhai, A. M. Dadoo and I. E. Mayat.

New Governor Of S Rhodesia

Major-General Sir John Noble Kennedy has been appointed Governor of Southern Rhodesia in succession to the late Admiral Sir Campbell Tait.

Major General Kennedy was Assistant Chief of the General Staff in 1945 before which he was General Officer Commanding Operations at the War Office.

Overport Social Club

The ninth annual general meeting of the Overport Social Club was held recently at the R. R. C. School. Giving a brief resume of the activities of the club the president Mr Samuel Naidoo said that the club had not failed in any section of the Indian community. It belonged to the Indian community in general as much as any member of the club. The club was in a sound financial position with assets totalling £400 in hand. The treasurer's report revealed that the club had included a valuable piece of vacant land in Harbottle Grove and a bank balance of £100 4s 11d. A library fund which was established last year in memory of the late Mr. Naidoo the Chairman of the committee of management of the R. R. C. School was also built in the secretarial report to have been granted in three deserving cases. The school the club been conducting a Hindi parsi school which was now called by the Overport Social Girls' Club of Hindi. The following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year—Patrons Messrs. M. Ahmed K. Gaffarie, and Kanjee; President Mr P. Reddy Vice-Presidents Messrs A. Mohamed M. Ismail, and A. I. Timothy; Secretary Mr C. Reddy Assistant secretary Mr A. Pandy; Treasurer Mr M. Days Auditor Mr I. E. Shaikh delegates to E. I. C. C. Messrs. Ismail Mohamed and M. Ismail; alternate delegates Messrs. S. Reddy and D. A. Gopa. Captain Mr I. Mohamed Vice Captain Mr T. Nayna Committee Messrs. I. F. Shaikh T. Nayna S. Days, S. Hatty and C. Reddy

Weddings

The marriage of Kunar third son of Mrs. and the late Khan Bahadur Hadi Khan Rajoo Osman Adam of Pretoria, to Yasmin second daughter I Mr and Mrs. Hoosen Ebrahim of Pretoria, took place on Sunday September 22. A great wedding feast was given on Sept. 21 at 61 Gordon Road Newlands. The would I couple included parents were recipients of many valuable gifts and congratulatory messages from all over the Union.

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The marriage of the eldest son of Mr and Mrs M. B. Lazarus Mr Anthony Cyril Herbert, to Miss Grace Margarite younger daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Emanuel took place on Saturday September 14 at St. Thomas's Church Mayville. A reception was given at the D.J.I Mall Opera Road. Durban after the wedding which was attended by a distinguished gathering of friends and relatives. Congratulatory messages were made for the wedded couple and their parents.

Sailed For India

Among those who sailed for India last week by the *Khandalla* was Mr A. Desai of the well known Transvaal Messrs. A. Gokal and Sons and Mr D. K. Patel of Durban.

The Transvaal Congress Elections

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NEWS IN BRIEF

New Measures To Smash Black Market

With the object of smashing the black market in foodstuffs the Price Controller has issued the control regulations so as to provide for imprisonment without the option of a fine in a second conviction of overcharging in certain commodities and new regulations on publishing in a Government Gazette Extraordinary. The note contains much amendments in practical respects of the provisions of the previous war measures during the past three years has shown to be necessary for the effective operation of the regulations. As an important feature is that the Price Controller is empowered to specify certain goods as goods in which certain minimum penalties become applicable. These provide for imprisonment without the option of a fine if on second conviction is found guilty of a second or subsequent offence of having overcharged for any specified goods. A commission for overcharging for any of those goods under regulations that have hitherto been in force rendered a first offence. In the event of a second conviction on certain charges the minimum amount is a fine not exceeding £1 000 or in default of payment of a further term of imprisonment not exceeding two years.

The R. K. Khan Trust

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TRANSVAAL INDIAN CONGRESS

NOTICE

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THE SURAT HINDU ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

A general meeting of the members of the above association will be held on Sunday September 29 at 4 p.m. at the Association Hall 17 Victoria Street, Hamidia. Members are kindly requested to attend punctually.

Agenda: (1) Minutes (2) To accept kindly and register the new applications for membership (3) Election of committee & General

D. G. PATEL
Trustee Chairman.
DOOLABHBHAI VALLABHBHAI
Trustee Secretary

NOTICE

JOHANNESBURG SANATAN VEDA DHARMA SABHA

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This is to notify the Hindu public of Johannesburg that the above Sabha will hold a general election at a meeting to be held in the Temple Hall No. 6 Orban Street, Marlidale on Sunday October 6 at 2.30 p.m. All Hindu brethren are cordially requested to attend.

D. A. [illegible]
Pro-Tem. Secretary

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Why Become The Scapegoat?

QUITE a sensation was caused among Indian circles last Saturday, when the news came that the [illegible] Congress [illegible] the initiative of the Indian community to create [illegible] Government [illegible] was asked the South African Government to intervene [illegible] It was, [illegible] briefly reported [illegible] the South [illegible] Government [illegible] Government [illegible] would be desirable [illegible] conference [illegible] Government of [illegible] Union Government [illegible] Africa. At a [illegible] Parliament re[illegible] executive [illegible] majority vote to refer the question [illegible] to South Africa and a conference to the Government of India and Pakistan Cabinet and to avoid their decision before releasing the minorities. It is learnt that this position was brought before the Executive without due notice being given to the constituent bodies and that the Natal representatives lodged a walk-out when the proposal to make such an approach was passed. The president of the South African Indian Congress was, therefore constrained to make a lengthy statement to clarify the position of the Congress. In that statement after relating the first report, the president refers to a draft statement on which documents were based by the draft statement, among other things, the resident says:

[illegible] the Government [illegible] where the Cabinet [illegible] formulated [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

MESSAGES OF SUPPORT FROM AMERICA

MR ALVAN BEDDIE,

[illegible]

Dear Sir,

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS REFUTES ALLEGATIONS OF MISREPRESENTATION

WHEN the hand friends and the most criminal against the inexcusable injustice heaped upon people of colour in this country it has come in regard to the manifest oppression to express himself in the political language of the pattern of the United Nations Charter, which is calculated to afford comfort in the inalienable human rights in the dignity and value of the human person to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom. And for those simple, peaceful, legitimate aspirations little encouragement with some that we good neighbours.

This writes the Secretary of the Natal Indian Congress Mr. [illegible] reply to allegations by a member of Parliament Mr. [illegible] the proposal public of interpreting the mind in the natal call a [illegible] another about the need to [illegible] people of South Africa.

I shall go the whole length to say it is by the accuracy of statements with regard to [illegible] and my statement will regard to the [illegible] seek remedies of such [illegible] ing in many [illegible] difficulties in India and [illegible] more than Mr. Maggar I will [illegible] stated recently that [illegible] purely called [illegible] like of the rest of [illegible] poverty and [illegible] South African [illegible] have to [illegible] [illegible] easily [illegible] make poverty [illegible] [illegible] thing [illegible] [illegible] poverty South Africa [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] was [illegible] by Native [illegible] [illegible] of temporary [illegible] [illegible] before the war and [illegible] worse.

[illegible] thing what the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mr. Maggar [illegible] [illegible] say.

My all [illegible] of the thing and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY

WILL OPPOSE UNION'S ABSORPTION OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA

PLANS are already drawn up for the creation of an Indian Foreign Service, said Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, vice president of the Indian Interim Government, when in a speech he discussed the foreign policy to be followed by the Indian Government, says a Bapu-Kesho a message from New Delhi dated September 26.

It was proposed to establish diplomatic posts in foreign countries as well as in the British Commonwealth, said Pandit Nehru. A Gandhiji Mission would be sent to the Middle East and ravished world be established with countries at Western and Eastern Europe

The chief interest would be taken by the Indian Government in matters in Palestine, Iran, Indonesia, China, Siam and Indo-China as well as in the foreign possessions in India itself. The Government also proposed to examine, in consultation with other interests concerned, the problems of the tribal areas of the North-West Frontier

Towards the United Nations Organisation India's attitude would be one of wholehearted co-operation and adherence to the letter and spirit of the charter governing it. Amplifying his reference to the United Nations, Pandit Nehru said, "India will participate fully in its various activities and endeavour in this vital role in the councils in which her geographical position, population and contribution towards peaceful progress call it to play. To-day most Indian delegates will make it clear that India stands for the independence of all colonial and dependent peoples and that full right to self-determination

In the case against South Africa, continued Pandit Nehru, was to be in the most important item on the agenda of the forthcoming General Assembly. The treatment of Indians in South Africa was fundamentally a moral and human issue which the United Nations could not disregard

India would oppose on a point of principle the Union's wish to absorb the mandated territory of South-west Africa. The Government of India considered that annexations of mandated territory was not the assumption of mandates and trusteeships, and that annexation only resulted ultimately in the wishes and interests of the people of such territories.

In the Indian Government's view the correct course would be for Sou h west Afric to be placed under the trusteeship of the United Nations at its interim later decided by the General Assembly

Referring to principle of veto enjoyed by the five great powers in the Security Council Pandit Nehru said, that the attitude of Indian delegates on this issue would be that although India disliked this provision in the Charter, she attached great importance to the continuance of great power unanimity and co-operation within the framework of the United Nations, and would do nothing to prejudice that position

Returning to the New International Trusteeship system Pandit Nehru said, "the Indian delegations will stress the point that sovereignty everywhere is vested in the people of a country. If for any reason immediate independence is not feasible, then in his will and object in the territory being placed under United Nations Trusteeship for a limited period

The attitude of the delegations will be that all Asiatics and people of dependent countries stand together for freedom and for emancipation from foreign control as this is the only way to bring about world peace and progress.

Turning to the Paris Conference Pandit Nehru said progress had been regrettably but, perhaps understandably slow The Indian delegation had whenever possible, followed an independent line of teh compromise and had supported those proposals which seemed to lead to solutions most generally equitable The delegations had thought borne closely in mind the humanitarian aspect of each problem coming before the conference

DO NOT THROW ASIDE THE WEAPON OF SATYAGRAHA

—GANDHIJI

MAHATMA GANDHI writing to 'Harijan's' editor Indians in South Africa not to throw aside the weapon of Satyagraha for cleanness He says 'news comes from Durban that a group of Indians in South Africa have lost faith in Satyagraha They cherish a dream that they can overthrow the rule of the white man only by joining forces with the negroes and coloured people of the Asiatics and European sympathisers, and adopting violent means

The rumour, if there is any truth in it, is very disturbing and a definite fly in the ointment From my own experience my firm advice to the Indians in South Africa is that they should on no account be lured away into throwing aside the matchless weapon of Satyagraha

The idea and however simply that they are not to accept the help of the coloured people, the negroes and any other sympathisers, or that they shall get help them to their need should occasion arise The only condition is that Satyagraha should be their one and only weapon "

INDIANS AND AFRICANS

SEEKING ADMISSION IN INDIAN UNIVERSITIES

SUGGESTIONS to better relations between Indians and Africans have been made by six representative Africans in Kenya in a letter to Pandit Nehru The letter conveys the good wishes of the writers on the establishment of an Indian Government and was delivered by the leader of the Indian delegation to East Africa which returned to New Delhi last week

It suggests that scholarships be created for African students in Indian universities as soon as possible and that African students be given special facilities for technical commercial and agricultural studies in India

It suggests that representatives of the African peoples should be invited to attend on Indian overseas conference proposed to be held in India in March or April if the conference should crystallise unanimity in a better understanding between the two peoples It also suggests that a special conference between African and Asian leaders be convened by India to foster better relations between the continents of Africa and Asia

Pandit Nehru in reply assured the Africans that the voice of India would always be raised in the cause of African freedom and welcomed the suggestions I like the idea that African students should come to the universities and technical institutions of India, and we shall try to encourage it in as far as we can, he said.

He was sure that leading observers from Africa would be welcomed at the visit A parliamentary be held in March next year We can if we could together as what we should do to develop my closer relations between Asia and Africa

INDIA AND THE SOVIET UNION

MY talks in Paris with Mr Molotov were carried out in a very friendly atmosphere and I met with sympathy and understanding for India's aspirations, said Sir Maneckji Dadabhoy, Indian ambassador to the Soviet Union, on his return to India after a visit to Moscow.

Sir Maneckji unofficially learned that Mr Menon arrived Mr Molotov in the absence of head in India, and the establishment of full diplomatic relations Because of the shortage of land in the Soviet Union Mr Molotov held out no hope of large shipments for months now in case any friendly attention to the suggestion that ambassadors be exchanged

OUR INDIA LETTER

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Baroda, September 30

FREEDOM FOR ALL

"TILL freedom we had promised and for which we laboured through generations . . . Jawaharlal Nehru, the Vice-President of the Interim Government in a broadcast from New Delhi on September 7, "so in all the people of India as I must include groups of classes the followers of one religion We aimed at a co-operative commonwealth in which all would be equal sharers in opportunity and in all things that give meaning and value to life India, he said now looks out on the wide world and holds out her hands in friendship to the other peoples of the world "We shall take full part in international conferences as a free nation with our own policy and not merely as a satellite of another nation We hope to develop close and direct contacts with other nations and to co-operate with them in the furtherance of world peace and freedom

Non-Discrimination of Racialism

"We are particularly interested in the emancipation of colonial and dependent countries and peoples, and in the recognition in theory and practice of equal opportunities for all races We repudiate utterly the Nazi doctrines of racialism whenever and in whatever form it may be practised We seek no dominion over others and we claim no privileged position over other peoples But we do claim equal and honourable treatment for our people wherever they may go, and we cannot accept any discrimination against them." In ranking a pointed reference to South Africa, he said "In spite of our past history of conflict we hope that an independent India will have friendly and co-operative relations with England and the countries of the British Commonwealth But it is well to remember what is happening in one part of the Commonwealth to-day In South Africa racialism in the state doctrine, and our people are putting up a heroic struggle against the tyranny of a racial minority If this racial doctrine is going to be tolerated it must inevitably lead to vast conflicts and world disaster He offered greetings to U.S.A., the Soviet Union and the Asiatic nations.

The Common And Forgotten Man

With regard to the economic policy, he said "We shall look to the common and forgotten man in India and seek to bring him relief and raise his standard of living We shall maintain our fight against the cause of communal unity and other human evils of colonial inequality, and shall especially try to help those who are economically or otherwise backward In order to allay all fears about the role the Congress is to play in the Constituent Assembly, he said: "We are perfectly prepared to, and have accepted, the position of sitting in section which will consider minorities. It may well be that when we meet and have communal talks our difficulties will fade away"

Subhas Bose

Among the very first acts of the Interim Government is the cancellation of all impending orders against Shri Subhas Chandra Bose. It is alive, as certain people believe him to be, the will enable him to appear publicly in the near future As an earnest of the Government to do full justice to the Muslims, Sardar Patel Home Member, has issued orders that the Muslim quota of 25 per cent in the ministerial services should be made up as early as possible.

Some of the members, Pandit Nehru, Sardar Patel and Babu Rajendra Prasad have dined with the Viceroy on the [illegible] day last [illegible] murderous [illegible] of change in the [illegible] for the Congress has [illegible] ed an end to all these years ago and Moslems having any social contact of the nature with the Governance.

The Interim Government has been released to, in a communique from the Viceroy's House, as a "Cabinet. Babu Rajendra Prasad has announced that any member of the staff of his Department can see him directly

The *Daily Herald* (London), says a Reuter's message, warns its British readers not to let the Indian riots overshadow other events which are taking place in India and which, we trust, may shape the future more surely than financial upheavals in the streets of Bombay and Calcutta Bombay and Calcutta remained out of the evil past. Now Delhi offers hope of the future."

Mr. Jinnah's Position

The report comes, as this is being written, that Mr Jinnah has received an invitation from the Viceroy to see him, that the former has accepted it, and that he is to leave Bombay for Delhi on September 15 Mr Jinnah recently gave three interviews to different foreign correspondents, in which he reiterated his position To no utterance given on August 16 and 27 by the Congress regime are going to appear oppressed pursuants the Mussulmans it is very difficult to control disturbances, Asked about Kashmir, he said "I do believe that Russia has more than a spectator's interest in Indian affairs and they are not very far from India either It is a serious question, and if Britain pursues the present policy of completely alienating the Muslims, not only in India but in the entire Middle East it is a very serious and very dangerous policy to pursue." After this Gandhiji fell seen trained to remain at his prayer meeting on September 7 at New Delhi "If Jinnah has said a lot of things. He is a great man. I cannot say any thing except that his charges are baseless. He does not weigh and consider the consequences of what he says, as India I believe that God will speed up that moment when Mr Jinnah will think of India."

In an interview given to the *Daily Mail* (London) the Quaid-e-Azam said on one can will ease the present scenes of bloodshed in India without feelings of sorrow and pain At the same time if the British insist on doing nothing more than to support the present Interim Government with their bayonets, all I can say is that the Muslims can make it but will not submit

THE RECENT CALCUTTA RIOTS

A SILVER LINING

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur and ardent follower of Mahatma Gandhi and who is at present on his secretarial staff writes in *Harijan*

It is in all wind that blows no one any good It a full account of all the ugly acts of neighbourliness were to be remarked, it would probably balance the dark deeds of madness perpetrated by the men who had temporarily sunk to the level of beasts recently in Calcutta For if man has the divine in him, he should inherently be good The following letter from a Mahommedan is interesting

"I live in Baliyaganj Place On August 16th my house was threatened but my Hindu friends kept the mob in check Towards evening, however, the educated Hindus of the locality were losing control Mine is a family of 15, mostly women and children. It was not possible to leave them with excited hooligans running about My family and I, therefore, took shelter in the house of a Hindu neighbour while another took charge of my belongings.

"The rowdy element got scent of it and threatened my friend "Turn them out, you cannot save them, was their demand "I know I cannot save them but I can die before they are touched was the firm reply Attempts were made by some of my League friends to remove me and my family from this locality but I refused to leave my place of shelter, backed by all the cultured Hindus of Baliyaganj Place

"My brother has two shops in this locality these were saved by the Hindus while my brother and nephews worked in the local volunteer corps to fight hooligans wherever they might be

I am convinced that we Muslims and Hindus can live together peacefully unless a clash is engineered"

Such instances of Muslims harbouring their Hindu friends are also on record. If all were to realise that the bond of humanity transcends all barriers of caste creed and race, we would make this earth living and banish the spectre of fear which to-day haunts not only individuals and communities, but whole nations and is the root cause of pain

...ment. Referring to the prior national situation he said "If relations between Great Britain, America and Russia worsen, there is no reasoned talking now which way Indian Muslims may be stampeded at a time of crisis. With reference to Calcutta he repeated the story that the League had started it that the Hindus started the first in Calcutta. "We were attacked by Congress Hindu workers and Mr. Jinnah because they wanted to stamp out our propaganda and discredit our activity, creating disturbances in cities traveling the blame on us. I have already pointed out to our provincial Ministers in India how the riots started. To ascertain the claim stated to certain time given on September 31 Mr. Jinnah said the only way out of the deadlock between Muslims and Hindus in India Mr. Jinnah's case was to make an unequivocal declaration to accept Pakistan (separate sovereign Muslim and Hindu states) with a clear understanding that they will implement it without delay. With regard to the interim Government he wanted a detailed statement of what the Congress Party did or did not regard as binding. What was required to meet the situation was a definite and categorical statement regarding the points in dispute. "The last I seek in bloodshed" Mr. Jinnah added "though driven to it we Muslims should defend himself.

Veiled Threats

In the same issue Mr. Abdurrahman writes in an interview given at New Delhi. However known what the volcanic will erupt and where I know any Muslims I dread that date to come. No steps have yet been taken to mobilize them and yet than will to do it during already will large scale flaming blood." The Council of the Muslim Provincial League in a resolution has recommended that we need an organized militant delegation to see Mr. Kumarappa to secure support for the cause of Indian Muslims. At present all these would seem to be unrealistic if people in Congress and all the Muslim League would take a realistic view of the situation and try to help the Muslims in their struggle for freedom. Congress will have the right to claim that it is the only organization which can speak for India as a whole and the Muslim League will be left with the task of organizing opposition. Such a development would be disastrous for India as a whole and for the Muslims in particular. It would be the duty of all those who love India to prevent such a development.

Campaign Of Intimidation

In the meantime underground intimidation of the supporters of the League is reported to be going on. Some of the supporters of the Muslim League in Syed Nagar, Ahmedabad, have been threatened by followers of the Muslim League in Syed Nagar.

Things in General

(Extracts From Supe Reuter Reports)

India Not Against Russia

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru vice-president of the new Indian Interim Government, was a guest at a meeting of the All India Congress Committee in New Delhi last week that he was to relinquish the presidency of Congress. The chief between Congress and the communists he said, should not be taken to mean that it was against Russia. Referring to recent bombing by village in Western Bengal Nehru said that Congress was opposed to social

League Leader Seeks Russian's Aid

Yussuf Abdullah Hareon the president of the Provincial Muslim League who was arrived in London from India flew to Paris last week to the age of seeing Mr Molotov the Soviet Foreign Minister to appeal to Soviet aspirations relating the Moslem claim to Pakistan at the United Nations Assembly meeting in New York. Mr Hareon said the Muslim League should have a strong deputation to Moscow to explain our propa

INTERVIEW WITH GANDHIJI ON INDIA

THAT is no religion to me said Mahatma Gandhi when he was asked in an interview [illegible] in Prem [illegible] that Rig [illegible] India I do not feel qualified to [illegible] and not [illegible] There never [illegible] to me and I do not know what [illegible] I have [illegible] abolished [illegible] but until at the invitation of [illegible] would be a boon [illegible] to the Hindus between [illegible] Muslim League Gandhiji emphasised [illegible] Minister [illegible] he did not doubt [illegible] but he did not doubt [illegible] Muslim League and [illegible] [illegible] involved when [illegible]

Nothing could [illegible] [illegible] I saw [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Fanning Fire Of Race Hatred

REPRODUCED elsewhere in this issue is a leading article from the *Rand Daily Mail* of October 7 on Indian. The article is full of unreasonable scholarly attacking India for the evil customs of Hindu society. The article from its heavy and the same time first South African is, of course, not quite so bad. What our contemporary seems to forget is that the evils it has mentioned are not mentioned by the State just as the colour bar is South Africa is. The evil social customs could have been eradicated long before now by any good Government. But India was helpless in this respect because, for a century and three quarters she was under the yoke of a foreign rule. Immediately power was handed over to India she did not allow the grass to grow under her feet in introducing the necessary reforms. If South Africa takes a glide in adopting the evils that India has denounced it is welcome to do so. It is a question of raking up dirt, which the *Rand Daily Mail* seems to have done in the present instance, quite a good deal, we are sure, one to rushed up to South African too. But indulging in that process will help nobody. Has not South African outdoor India to boasting ten millions of her people on an interior more only good enough to be exploited by two million White Kraal mine? Can any of those ten million dare to enter the preserves all those White Brahmans? Can they enter their schools, their hotels, their restaurants, their entertainment places. Can they travel with them in the same coaches on the trains?

India can at least proudly say that her doors have been wide open to all foreigners who have come to that country. Hardly a single case can be pointed to where they have been ill treated. A stray case of alleged ill treatment has just been brought to this country which has been given very wide publicity by the South African Press. It is about a technician who complains of himself and his wife being ill treated to Mysore. The case requires more proof before it can be believed. But if it has happened through utterly irresponsible persons. At the same time it should not be forgotten that South African has not done little to persecute such as irresponsible act. The White man and woman who in the first few days of the Passive Resistance struggle, indulged in hooliganism, had exceeded the limits of all decency. One was at a loss to know whether one was having among civilized people or among barbarians. It was strange to see how White women vied with their menfolk to brutally assaulting Indian men and women of high social standing. If in the goodness of time to be remitted it per chance, therefore, a South African did happen to have a little taste of what our people have had to go through in this country, it hardly merits being made a great point of grievance. That does not mean, of course, that we support such an act in the slightest degree.

We think the time has come when, particularly those who are responsible for moulding public opinion should cease to indulge in extravagant language and making use of the power of their pen to kindle here of race hatred. On the contrary every thing possible should be done to extinguish that fire. If the United Nations Charter has any meaning why would there be any limit hindering it was such practices from the great organisation?

It will not be out of place here to remember the words of Dr Henry Gluckman Minister of Health and Housing, uttered at a luncheon of the Durban Jewish Club last week "Moral and spiritual changes,—not new political, constitutional or economic changes—are what the world, including South Africa wants to-day said Dr Gluckman. 'This involved,' he said, 'the elimination of prejudice, in tolerance and hatred. Government action alone could not achieve the latter would it our dream. There was need for a revolution in the ideas and purposes of men a new conception of human values and a new appreciation of human relationships. Modern man has now reached a juncture in his progress when, as never before, he must look to the restraining influences of goodness and ethics if he is to save himself. The painters of history and the crisis facing the present generation demand a respect for and follow beings, solicitude for the underprivileged, justice and equity for all men

NOTES

Clarkson On Land Tenure Act

THE Minister of the Interior, Mr Senator C F Clarkson, addressing the Transvaal Congress of the United Party in Pretoria last Saturday, said the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act, was as the Statute Book said, an opinion of Indian opposition would be enforced Practically into European areas by a few wealthy Indians had been the cause of the Act being introduced he said. The Passive Resistance campaign and the undertaking given to it was ridiculous. So far there had not been a single prosecution under the Act against which the demonstration was aimed. The Act made safeguard provision for all classes of Indians to acquire freehold property in the free areas to satisfy the needs of the community for the next 40 or 50 years. In addition there was nothing in the law to prevent Indians from applying for permits to acquire property outside those areas. The Land Tenure Board shortly would go on a tour of inspection of the country where the Indians resided to enquire and would later report to the government so as to enable Parliament to deal with the matter. There were two vacancies on the Board for Indians, and he appealed to the Indian community to come in their names and assist in the administration of the Act. The Act would be administered sympathetically. There would be no retaliation or backdoor method. Many Indians were born South Africans, and they would be dealt with as South Africans.

Pouring Water Over Duck's Back

Those repeated appeals coming from the Minister of the Interior, Senator C F Clarkson, to Indians to come to their senses is like pouring water over a duck's back. Indians just like appealing to the United Government to come to their senses. If arrests have not been made under the Land Tenure Act it is because the Government did not want to arrest. That does not mean that Indians the old subsidy is a law which they consider to be derogatory to their national self-respect. The Passive Resistance campaign will go on until the Ghetto Act remains on the Statute Book. That is the Indian community's determination

Union Delegation To UNO

Senator D G Shapstone, accompanied by the Secretary for External Affairs Mr D D Forsyth, and Mr L C Steyn Senior Law Adviser to the Government, will leave today for London where they will meet General Smuts. The ex-mayor of Johannesburg delegation will go to the United States direct. 'The Indian question,' said Senator Shapstone to an interview to the Press, 'is on the agenda and it is possible that it will not come up for discussion on it

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THE LABOUR PARTY'S NON-EUROPEAN POLICY

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THE CHURCH SPEAKS

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BRITAIN'S CONSERVATIVE PARTY ON INDIA

Churchill Has A Go At Labour Government

Addressing the Conservative Party's conference Mr. Churchill attacked the policy of the Labour Government towards India and Palestine.

On India, he said "We have desired to give full Dominion status to India, including the right unabashed to the Statute of Westminster for Indian people, like other Dominions, to quit the British Commonwealth of Nations altogether

World Censure

"Yet at this very moment, and in the pronounced this unpermitted act of voluntary abdication, we are still ensnarled abound by the Soviet version and by certain curiously elements to the United States in being a land grabbing imperialistic Power making comparisons and aggrandisement.

"While Soviet Russia is expanding or seeking to expand, in every direction, and had already brought many extra

GANHDIJI ATTACKS INDIAN COMMUNISTS

MAHATMA GANDHI had described Indian Communists as professional trouble shooters who take them to structions from Russia, which they regard as their spiritual home

Gandhiji's statement is reported in a signed article by his secretary, Mr Pyarelal, to the latest issue of *Harijan*

Gandhiji added: "I cannot countenance this dependence on no matter in power I have every will we should not depend even Russia should in our present local aims. We must have the ability and courage to submit on what we can give as matters that depend on beings chiefly otherwise we shall not deserve to exist as an independent country

"The same applies to foreign ideologies I accept them only to the extent that I can assimilate and adapt them to the Indian scene But I refuse to go under them"

Pakistan Not Islamic

Writing to *Harijan*, Mahatma Gandhi says he would have no hesitation in conceding the Muslim demand for Pakistan if he could be convinced of its righteousness or that it was good for Islam

"But I am firmly convinced that the demand is not Islamic and I have not hesitated to call it sinful," he says.

"Islam stands for the unity and brotherhood of man and in disrupting the unity of the human family. Therefore those who regard it as divided into possibly warring groups are no more allies of Islam and Islam They may not use its pious, but they cannot make me subscribe to something which I consider is wrong."

The Muslim League's suggestion that Moslems in India were in danger of being swept out of existence unless they set up a separate State was, he said, pure scare mongering

"The way in which the Social ist Government had handled this problem has been such as to give the masses of the people of India hardly any chance but to become separated from the British Crown, which has so long shielded them from internal oppression or foreign invasion

"The Indian unity created by British rule will swiftly perish, and nobody can measure the misery and bloodshed which will overtake those humble helpless millions as order what new Power that future and destiny will be. All this is happening every day, every hour

"I only will be that Burma will soon suffer the same fate.

spaces of millions of people directly or indirectly under the despotic control of the Kremlin and under the rigours of Communist discipline, we who sought nothing from this war but to do our duty and are in fact reducing ourselves to a fraction of our former size and population are successfully held up to world censure

Palestine

"What are we to say of the handling of the Palestine problem by the Socialist Government" At the general election, they made lavish promises to the Zionists and their success at the polls caused passionate expectations throughout the Jewish world

"These promises were no sooner made than they were dishonoured, and now all through this year the Government stands vacillating without any plan or policy of holding an to a Mandate in which they have no vital interest.

"They are gaining the distrust and hostility both of the Arabs and Jews, and are exposing us to world-wide reprobation for their manifest incapacity

"Time set beams and shrouds the British nations and Empire has been deprived of the rewards their conduct deserves."

"Mr Churchill then outlined the steps which the Conservative Party will take to establish rallying centres for men and women of all parties who oppose the Socialist theory and mismanagement." He called for a million-wide recruiting campaign for the Conservative Party

"The division at the next election will be between those who wholeheartedly sing the 'Red Flag, and those who rejoice to sing 'Land of Hope and Glory'

Pandit Nehru's Reply

Pandit Nehru vice president of the Interim Government decided on October 8 the allegations made at the Conservative Party conference at Blackpool that he was silent about the withdrawal of British troops from India because the Interim Government wanted to use them

"Certain speeches delivered at the British Conservative Party's conference at Blackpool indicate a hostile attitude by some leading members of the Party towards the Interim Government of India he said

"These speeches are irresponsible, malicious and calculated to stir up strife and prevent unity and settled Government in India.

"The charge has been made that I am silent about the withdrawal of British troops from India and that we seek to use them for quelling communal disturbances. This charge—like much else in the speeches delivered at Blackpool—is energetically false We do not want to use them for quelling internal disturbances.

"It was our policy before we took office, and it is our policy now, to have British troops withdrawn from India immediately or, at any rate with the greatest possible speed We do not want them to stay an hour longer than they are needed in India. It is unfair to us and unjust to them to keep them here.

I invite leaders of the British Conservative Party to support us in these demands and ask them to give effect to them in the immediate future Supa Reuter

A POSITIVE UPLIFT POLICY FOR INDIANS

AN APPEAL BY S.A. INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS

An appeal to public authorities to carry out without delay a positive "uplift policy for the Indian population is made in a statement issued by the South African Institute of Race Relations.

The Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act says the statement aims at protecting Europeans by imposing restrictions on Indians but it also imposes an obligation on Europeans to see that vital requirements for the social and economic development of the Indian population is met.

These requirements which have been seriously neglected include less compulsory primary education for every Indian child native help in finding new fields of employment in Indian hotels banning, health and housing work, and help for Indian agriculturists.

The statement says that a recent investigation showed that about 45 per cent of Indian children of school going age were not at school. There is no chance of these children ever obtaining primary education, and the Indian death rate exceeds the European by about 50 per cent. There is little or no active policy for dealing with bad housing conditions among Indians, and Indian agriculture is also largely neglected by the Government.

There is substantial agreement about these measures, all the statement said, and it should be possible that they should not be lost sight of in the midst of heated political controversy.

TRANSHIPMENT OF INDIAN JUTE FROM U.S.A. STOPPED

American officials last week took steps to stop the transhipment of Indian jute through the United States to South Africa as the situation had become a serious misunderstanding between the Indian and United States governments. The Department of the Controller of International Trade Relations in Washington announced that Indian jute from the United States with African destination will require a special export permit and that the Indian Government has pledged full diplomatic support to South Africa's protest against South Africa's discrimination against Indians.

Among those people who were one of the many that had been brought to the notice by the New York representative of the British Ministry of Supply officials.

After consultation with various government departments it was decided to withdraw all permits for the export of Indian jute to South Africa, and to refuse all applications for such permits in the future. This decision was taken at the time being and in new formulating a definite policy to be applied in this case.

The action to stop the shipments of jute to South Africa came after state department officials protested against the discrimination against Indians in the Union of South Africa. The decision was made in friendship.

They said that India was in the position in relation to the United States in relation to the rest of the world. Indian jute was the only jute which could be used for the manufacture of gunny bags and other articles necessary for the packing of cotton, wheat, sugar and other commodities. The United States could not obtain jute from any other source.

Things In General

(Extracts From Sapa-Reuter Reports)

Disabilities On Depressed Classes Removed

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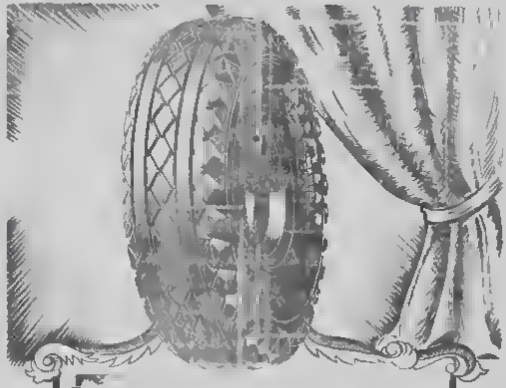
Union Should Not Be Given South West Africa

[illegible] Labour Party [illegible] Mr. Attlee, Prime Minister, [illegible] Commonwealth Relations Conference [illegible] Union of South Africa should not be given South West Africa [illegible] Mr. Attlee [illegible] Commonwealth Relations Office [illegible] Union Government [illegible] Mr. Attlee [illegible] Commonwealth Relations Office [illegible] Mr. Attlee [illegible] Commonwealth Relations Office [illegible] Mr. Attlee [illegible] Commonwealth Relations Office

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday

The Passive Resistance Hall was the scene of great rejoicing on Wednesday last, when under the auspices of the M. K. Gandhi Library Committee the 77th birthday of Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated. The hall was a large attendance of the public. A large photograph of Mahatma Gandhi beautifully decorated with flowers and lighted with coloured lights was placed on a platform. [illegible] Chinese artistic work [illegible] with [illegible] and the [illegible] Mr. N. D. Naidoo [illegible] Mr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]



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"Extremist" Indians

[illegible] opposes the bill [illegible] use a section of our [illegible] as extremists [illegible] demand for their ex[illegible]. Why are they extremists because their moderate appeals [illegible] pleadings for bare justice have been treated with contempt. There is a limit to one's patience and lumbersome and the patience of the Indian community is almost unbounded. The blame for that lies on the shoulders of the authorities, who have allowed themselves to be led by anti-Indian and have yielded to all their demands completely ignoring the legitimate and sentiments of the reasonable and merciless section of the community. There is no good cause to the length of trying to vilify Indians who are fighting for their just cause by self-imposed suffering, and instead of trying to appreciate and support them heartily as patriots and half truths. They seem to forget that truth and never remain hidden.

If Indians are extremists they have reason to be so. But the word some extreme language they have caused injury to anybody. You cannot expect each and every language from people who are full of pain and anguish. Their strong language must therefore be excused and every effort should be made by all sane people to find out the cause for it and everything possible should be done to remove that cause. It should be appreciated that all the burning Indians do is unto themselves. Both men and women are cheerfully going to suffer the pangs of gaol for the sake of what? For those human rights and freedom. Gen Smuts speaks of so often quite eloquently. He did so recently in Brussels at the Belgian Houses of Parliament. He spoke of a record of struggle and sacrifice for the cause of human freedom in all its aspects [illegible] the opposite claim for human rights! he said "is a very ancient one." Freedom is to our hearts, to our blood to our history he said. He spoke of an age-long struggle for freedom of conscience. He spoke of "our own [illegible] together in the cemeteries of Flanders and France and East Africa of the last war." They gave their lives freely he said, for the cause for which their forefathers lived and died centuries ago." And he spoke of what they did to this greatest war of all history. "Tony are the soul of free men and will never tolerate a slave world. They have never lost the knack to form however over powering and they have held the road of freedom open and secure to many many future" he said.

Is there no room in this great dream of General Smuts for Indians? Are we Europeans entitled to say as they think "freedom, but it all means only for Europeans? And are non-Europeans to remain perpetually as "hewers of wood and drawers of water? In that case we are fully justified in making justice before the Bar of the world. But that the General seems to mean is not a threat to any of the United Nations. Rather is that a human document and much will depend on the letter, but the spirit on which it is worked and applied and in the very next, he questions that right of interfering in the domestic affairs of member countries.

If great principles and high ideals of spiritual and human value are only meant for platform oratory and not to be put into practice then one must regretfully come to the conclusion that the present leaders are worst than the vanquished ones, for the latter were at least frank though brutal whereas the hypocrisy of the former baffles human intelligence.

NOTES

New Year Greetings To Hindus

Before our next week's issue is out the Hindu world will be celebrating their Diwali festival and then New Year which will fall on the following day. We take this opportunity of conveying greetings all our Hindu readers on this great festive occasion and wish them a very happy and prosperous New Year.

European Sympathy Is Growing

It was said the other day, by some of the leaders of the South African Indian Congress that relations had been European and Indian were being strained. The actual fact is that ever since the Passive Resistance campaign has started we have been having numerous other instances of the growing sympathy towards our cause which in indeed very heartening to this issue will be found the names supported by Mr. C. L. Williamson, who presided over the 25th annual conference of the South African Federated Chamber of Industries who pleaded for a complete change of outlook towards the non-European people and said the Rev. L. E. Harris who preached over the Methodist Conference, to East London, who denounced the Colour Bar as being un-Christian. And here is a letter appearing in the *Star* (Johannesburg) which speaks for itself:

Sir,—I wish to express my gratitude to those men who recently in Johannesburg gave heart to liberal South African opinion by showing unanimity in the opposition of the non-European peoples in our land. This symbol of the Diocese of Johannesburg perhaps went outside its recognised limits in some of their resolutions, but anyone who is genuinely shocked at the conditions in which unfortunate people are forced to live will forgive what might be called presumptuous criticism.

The shortcomings of our leaders must not be hidden by politicians or the Press or by subtle but dishonest argument. Dawdling the Communist and herring across the path of any plea for betterment of such conditions denying it to areas of the peasant [illegible] saying "Africans are not yet educated enough for such measures" confessing [illegible] demonstrate appeal for [illegible] circumstances amount to [illegible] position by comparing with those here with the self-[illegible] and the propaganda putting out Government as a principles mostly minutes body [illegible] machinery in full [illegible].

Further I think that it was hardly fair of you to [illegible] a sincere and genuine appeal for our non-European [illegible] by attempts [illegible] to [illegible] Church the evil [illegible] to take part in politics. I can assure you that men like Father [illegible] into self Father Lamb who spend their lives fighting [illegible] many instances [illegible] were for the non-European [illegible] and not interested [illegible] primarily with [illegible] they are interested only in [illegible] [illegible] of persons [illegible] and [illegible] full life.

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Mr Hofmeyr On Colour Problem

Speaking at a civic reception at Port Elizabeth last Tuesday the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. Hofmeyr, said that the impending tug discussion by UNO of South Africa's Asiatic problem and of the proposal to incorporate South West Africa in the Union had focussed the attention of the world on South Africa's People outside South Africa had not appreciate our problem nor did they realise what the Union was doing for its non-European. There had been gross misrepresentation. Nevertheless the time had come for South African to reexamine their prejudices and some traditional attitudes.

"We have to get away from the worldwide of such long seldom pointed out for political purposes. The point is who does not take account of the fact that the eyes of the world are turned towards South Africa, is no friend of South Africa," said Mr. Hofmeyr.

GRAVE OF WESTERN CIVILISATION

BEING DUG IN SOUTH AFRICA

In the beginning days of the Passive Resistance campaign against the Asiatic Land Tenure Act, Mahatma Gandhi spoke on the South African Indian question at one of his prayer meetings in Poona. The following is the authorized version of Gandhiji's speech :—

Gandhiji expressed regret that he had been away from Poona for so long a time as he had suspected to return after two. He wanted to speak to them about three or four things but for lack of time he would confine his remarks to South Africa today. He found fault with them in not taking sufficient interest in South Africa. They are their people and they are engaged in a life and death struggle.

They went there as indentured labourers in 1860. The white race would not get the Negroes to work for them. So they took labour from India under the indenture system.

It was a form of serfdom where the difference being that while a slave was bound to his master by his whole life the indentured labourers were bound for five or seven years according to the terms of the bond.

At the wake of the indentured came the ladies traders. Abu Bakker being the first. Then there were small traders from Kathiawar, Bohras from Surat and Hindus from Bardoli who went there and made a living as hawkers and pedlars. This was in 1893. They helped to develop South Africa and made means. Their children became doctors and lawyers.

It was these people who were fighting in South Africa today and these fight was not so much for themselves as for India because its home and a living place there because he belonged to south Africa, having passed so years of the best part of his life there. It was there the satyagraha was born.

The West was passed through the purgatory today. The vanquished by protective and the victor. It is those who had won the war had forced that they were so as victors that these who had lost it. Yet it was not in the war but in the South African civil rights had not its grave. It was being dug in South Africa.

The White man had a gift in South Africa to feed his [illegible] will in subjection to the Asiatic ascendancy which was complete in only whites.

If our people were steadfast and non violent till the end I have not a shadow of doubt that their heroic struggle will draw the love and admiration of the western civilization which is being found out in all the coloured in south Africa." Gandhi said.

The Whites in South Africa were becoming heroes for the Western cultures were pulled up on each other. And [illegible] as most they presented—the Whites had erected savage [illegible] in the Indians in Durban shelter.

But [illegible] Smuts was a great [illegible] He [illegible] (A British) himself. The stand he had taken was that in [illegible] nothing to say against Asiatic ultimate [illegible] to subjugate White civilization. If it needed [illegible] [illegible] it.

But Mr. Smuts could [illegible] that he did not look down upon the coloured people. He [illegible] Mr. Smuts [illegible] want to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Field Marshal Smuts [illegible] supported the [illegible] act.

He had told me [illegible] [illegible] of prejudice he was bent to protect Western culture in South Africa and he hoped that an understanding must [illegible] appreciate it.

Gandhi had led to understand [illegible] worth the man could [illegible] legal protection [illegible] resisting the Ghulam [illegible] and therefore to a civil resister. They welcomed the penalty on the breach of the law that could not be mentally defended. If the White heckigans [illegible] breaking the [illegible] that was criminal disobedience. It was a matter of pride to India that the children of its heroes [illegible] and leaders [illegible] of them as scoundrels of Hooligans—was proving a useless [illegible] such brave Satyagrahis.

As against the [illegible] Whites were resorting to such law Africans still remained steadfast [illegible] Indians was as born and went in South Africa [illegible] they did not feel there in would have to live as a Ghetto.

[illegible] mail [illegible] [illegible] Indians [illegible] Africa [illegible] honourable [illegible] with them.

[illegible] express [illegible] Indian [illegible] the [illegible] If this [illegible] Asiatic [illegible] and West [illegible] grave of West.

ASSAULT ON MR. Y. C[illegible]MEER

Mr. [illegible] was reported to have been walking [illegible] Friday Dunbar [illegible] the [illegible] assaulted him shouting "You are [illegible] Muslim collared.

The [illegible] kicked their victim until [illegible] [illegible] similar to a nearly [illegible]

After [illegible] Mr. Meer said that "You have [illegible] to [illegible] like carrying on with [illegible] way will [illegible]

Mr. M[illegible] [illegible] are opposed to [illegible]

Mr. A[illegible] [illegible] the Natal Indian Congress [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

A CLERGYMAN DENOUNCES COLOUR BAR

[illegible] Canon Collins, [illegible] Church in the Colonial Service, [illegible] address to the Methodist Conference on Empire Sunday last Sunday which has been sent to us by [illegible] Natal Indian Congress, [illegible] Colonial Secretary, [illegible] Colonies [illegible] Natives [illegible] Union [illegible] Indians [illegible] Natal [illegible] Indian [illegible] Natal [illegible] Indian [illegible] Natal [illegible] Indian

OUR INDIA LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Baroda, September 26

INDIA'S TRADE POLICY

Mr [illegible] returned [illegible] last week [illegible] Government [illegible] International [illegible] with wide [illegible] early to permit [illegible] plans, but Mr Bhabha [illegible] "frame of the constitution which will guide us in the planning of the industry. The salient points are [illegible] main purpose of international co-operation must be the raising of living standards and the real income of all people in all countries particularly the less advanced peoples of the world. The Government of India will [illegible] claims. Such peoples must certainly be encouraged to the utmost of their resources which may lead to [illegible] and [illegible] and are primarily designed to bring about a net increase of employment and [illegible] in the world's [illegible] We are determined [illegible] means and [illegible] development and [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] must be developed in the following [illegible] which we propose to adopt we propose a large-scale expansion of industry and agriculture and the complete abolition of [illegible] control of production. We will need unremitting [illegible] from [illegible] in the shape of capital goods and equipment, technical advice and [illegible] and we must furnish [illegible] on which our objectives [illegible] We [illegible] hold that in the case of the export of manufactured goods, the national interests of [illegible] and Africa and [illegible] India [illegible] export [illegible] only by the [illegible] of tariffs but by the application of measures [illegible] which will ensure that [illegible] reasonable [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] essential goods, and that the products of our new industries [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

staff working in the office of the *Ajmal* a Gujarati Urdu daily was threatened and as a result the work of publishing the paper was greatly hampered. Further the office-bearers and workers of the Bombay Womens Congress the Society Mudaliyars are daily being threatened with assassination

Constructive Efforts

The Provincial Congress Government, undeterred by this turmoil which, it is necessary to emphasize, is connected al by the previous Congress Ministry which initiated and passed into law the Temple Entry Bill in October total prohibition of liquor and today will be introduced by the Madras Government in such districts, i.e., one-third of the province. The area includes the four districts where prohibition had been introduced in 1939. A comprehensive measure facilitating the use of public places by Harijans on the same terms as other Hindus, has been passed by the Bombay Legislative Assembly—the Mo and mend that popular Interim Governments should be formed in the States and that these Interim Governments should undertake the task of devising suitable machinery by the formation of popularly elected constituties making India for sustituting full responsible government within the States, and for constituting with neighbouring States and Provinces for the purpose of grouping together of amalgamating, as the case may be

Inter-Asian Relations Conference

It has been announced that the first Inter-Asian Relations Conference will meet in India early next year under the presidentship of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, to discuss problems of common interest and to foster close relations between the Asiatic countries. Invitations, it is understood, are going to be sent to 33 Asiatic countries. It will be the first conference of its kind

TRANSVAAL INDIAN CONGRESS

ON Saturday October 12 the Transvaal Indian Congress also began took an unexpected turn when Mr A I Minty the Joint Secretary of the Transvaal Indian Congress tendered his resignation in a letter to Dr Yusuf Mohamed Dadoo the President of the Congress. Mr V V Pavekh the other Joint secretary of the Congress, had tendered his resignation on September 24

Mr Minty had been handed two resolutions from members of the Congress calling for a mass meeting of the Congress, where it was proposed to pass a vote of no confidence in the secretaries of the Congress. The secretaries had however taken no steps to summon the requisitioned meeting and application was being made in the Supreme Court to compel the secretaries to convene this meeting when Mr Minty handed in his resignation

An Election Manifesto issued by the Action Committee of the Congress says "We find that unhappily there are many people who hold official positions in the Congress and many on the Committee of the Congress who are not supporting the Passive Resistance struggle. Some of them pay lipservice to the struggle but do nothing more to help this great national movement of our people."

The Manifesto then gives the policy of Dr Dadoo and his supporters "The record of Dr Dadoo and his followers is a clear proof of their desire to work and sacrifice in the interest of the Indian people."

The programme of the Action Committee includes the following Full support for Passive Resistance, and secure liberation by the conference between the Government of India and the Union Government until the Ghandi Act is repealed; A Communistic Congress based on a federal constitution. This constitution to be drawn up within six months of the elections a Congress in the interest of the Indian people.

Dr Yusuf Dadoo has made a special appeal to the Transvaal Indian community to attend the election meeting which will be held at 2-30 p.m. on October 30, at the Indian Sports Ground, Johannesburg. He points out that those who stay away will by implication side with those who are against Passive Resistance.

PASSIVE RESISTANCE NEWS

INDIANS WITH CAPS ON IN COURT

ON Thursday October 13, when thirteen passive resisters—six Indians four Natives and a European Mr Albert Henry Mayes were charged in the Magistrates' Court, Durban, with having trespassed on Durban Corporation land in Gale Street, the presential, Mr J E. Talbot submitted that members of the passive resistance movement, who appeared in court should pay the same respect to the courts as they did to the church namely by taking off their shoes.

Mr Talbot said that the Magistrate had previously allowed the wearing of white caps solely on the ground that it was a religious symbol. He asked on what grounds Mr Mayes and the four natives were wearing the white caps

Mr Mayes said that he wore the cap as a symbol of faith and belief in the leader of the resistance movement and not on any religious ground. He was ordered to remove his cap which he did. The four natives and all others who described by Mr Talbot as a Hindu, but who said he was a Hindu, did the same

Mr Talbot said he understood that according to the Hindu religion Indians entering their church not only have on their headdress but remove their shoes. He would like to point out to the court as they do in the church they should also remove their shoes.

Mr G J Seekum the Magistrate, said that he also had that if people wished to wear caps they should also remove their shoes.

The case stood down for the prosecutor to consult the authorities.

Mr Talbot said that the case he had in mind was that of Maglee v Commodeen which was heard on November 8 1894, when Commodeen was fined by the Magistrate of Wesson for contempt of court because he had not removed either his headgear or his shoes.

When the case went to appeal Mr Justice Wragge held however that while it was the custom for Indians to do so when entering court premises in Ceylon on Indian in Natal need not remove either. It was sufficient if he made the usual salutation on entering the court.

In view of this case said Mr Talbot, he was not pressing the matter

Mr Seeker said that he and the court also accepted this decision although he had said earlier that it might perhaps be necessary for Indians entering court to remove either headgear or shoes.

It would appear on both that if an Indian considered it his religious duty to wear a head dress he would be allowed to do so and he need not remove his shoes.

The eleven men before the court, who had pleaded guilty were each fined £5 with the alternative of 30 days' imprisonment.

Germiston Indians Support Passive Resistance

A correspondent from Germiston told writes The Action Committee of the Transvaal Indian Congress (Germiston Branch) has donated the sum of £304—0—0 to the Indian Passive Resistance Council Transvaal and has also sent to the front as a volunteer Germiston batch of 10 volunteers led by Mr A. H Mayne The names of the volunteers are:— Mr A. H Mayes leader (Europeans)— Messrs G Baboolal P Naidoo, R. Ebrahim S. Naidoo, D V Naidoo, D Govender Messrs. Kootsen Sinnan—Madiens Josua Felix, Mungal Pe-ter (African)

920 Sentenced

The total number of persons in resisters on whom sentences of imprisonment have been passed up to October 17 is 920 But this have been up up to almost daily during the week.

MRS PANDIT CHALLENGES GENERAL SMUTS



Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit

challenged another statement by General Smuts that hostages in ransoming the spiritual home of man

There are other complaints I would publish Hostages whose retribution in the night sadness and the regeneration of the world have been at great If a greater than the combined sufferings made by Europe We believe that Asia has a great part to play in the shaping of things to come

NEWS IN BRIEF

Senator Clarkson

The Minister of the Interior Senator [illegible] Durban [illegible] Monday to council with the Natal Land Tenure Bureau [illegible] the Board [illegible]

Mr. Barns Leaves For America

Mr. A. L. Barns, [illegible] the Natal Midland Area [illegible] left Durban by train last Saturday for America in transit

the Minister [illegible] Durban [illegible] to [illegible] in the train

Soviet Paper Criticises Union

In [illegible] discussion between Allies Kenya and the United States is mentioned in [illegible] Soviet paper of Moscow [illegible] says that [illegible] United Arab Republic [illegible]

[illegible] Methods and other [illegible] which [illegible] from the good Dear [illegible] gives [illegible] [illegible]

ALLEGED [illegible] OF WHITE [illegible] A DENIAL FROM INDIA

[illegible]

MR MINTY'S STATEMENT

Mr A. I. Minty [illegible] yesterday [illegible] Pioneer [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Transvaal Muslim League

A [illegible] of eighty [illegible] of Transvaal Muslim [illegible] Johannesburg [illegible] the Jewish Synagogue [illegible] Dinath now [illegible] different [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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MR. MANILAL GANDHI'S STATEMENT TO THE PRESS

Mr Manilal Gandhi made the following statement to the Press on Wednesday October 2 before meeting arrest :—

EVER since my return from India nearly three months ago I have been watching the progress of the Passive Resistance movement and have tried through the columns of INDIAN OPINION to guide it and to remove misunderstandings created by misrepresentations. I have so far refrained from actively participating in the struggle by going to jail. I am beginning to feel however that to continue the struggle in a manner it is necessary for every person including responsible people like myself in the community to be with the sufferers in goal. It is for this reason that I have now decided to take this step. Before taking it however I feel it my duty to explain to the public both European and Indian as well as Asiatic and coloured.

This struggle in South Africa has been a long drawn out one, dating back to the year 1906 when the Asiatic Registration Law known as segregation was introduced in the Transvaal and Indians were forced to lose their right to acquire ownership of land. Since then there has been a gradual inroad made in the rights of Indians in South Africa. In 1924 Indians in Natal were deprived of the Parliamentary franchise and in 1927 a law was passed curtailing the rights of Indians to trade and occupy land in the Townships and the other making it compulsory for every Indian in the Transvaal to carry Indian Pass. This law was considered repugnant to any self respecting person and it resulted in the Passive Resistance struggle, led by my father. It is for that was when the flower of Passive Resistance took place. The struggle continued till 1914 a settlement was arrived at in which the Indian community had a victory. A settlement was arrived at in that year between the Union Government of the day known as the Gandhi Smuts Settlement. The Indian community then thought that they were entering a new era which was to hold out brighter prospects for the resident Indian population of South Africa. It was felt then that the Union Government would now abandon its racial policy and that there would be a progressive amelioration of the conditions of Indians in South Africa, with the ultimate granting of full civic rights. Soon after the settlement the first World War broke out in which Indians in South Africa played by no means an insignificant part. General Smuts, in reply to an address presented to him by the Indian community in Durban at the end of the War said.

"I cannot now but pay a passing tribute to the part which Indians have played in the War. Their response to the call to arms was splendid. Many of them have given their lives in the field. I am sure that the Indian people will not forget the part which they have played in the War."

The eloquent testimony to the worth of the Indian was evidently meant for consumption only for instead of such fine sentiments expressed by South African statesmen, help has given effect to in regard to the treatment of Indians, the Union Government passed a policy of tightening up the existing laws and rigidly enforcing them and of introducing fresh restrictive measures. Thus in 1932 the rights of Indians to occupy and to acquire properties in the magisterial districts of Durban in the Transvaal were further curtailed and by 1934 in Natal the rights of Indians to acquire land were curtailed and Indians were deprived of the Municipal franchise. Then came the Ghetto Areas Bill which was met practically with boycott of the cinemas of Colonel Smuts Government. On its heels, however came the Areas Reservation and Immigration Restriction (Further Provisional Bill, which created an unprecedented storm both in South Africa and India resulting in the the first Round Table Conference between the Government of the Union and India, and the Capetown Agreement was its outcome. This Agreement with its uphill clauses once again brought a ray of hope to the Indian community. They thought that they would get better housing be afforded better education facilities and would be given every opportunity of development to enable them to live up to the Western standard. That was, however, not to be. Instead in the Transvaal the Indian community's trading rights instead curtailed and segregation with all its evil effects, became established fact while in rural India have been enacted from places they had occupied for over fifty years to provide amenities for Europeans, and the cumulative effect of this retrogressive policy in the passing of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act which is the most repressive legislation that could have been conceived. The Act has put an end to all our dreams of our ever becoming free South African nationals and of taking price in that fact, though ever slightly per cent. of the Indian population are born and bred in South Africa and know no other home. This latest step by the Union Government is the largest put made in the process of consigning the Indian to permanent inferiority and ultimately. Thus there are room of segregation men of which the Whites are reserving for themselves in order to force by legal compulsion the segregation of other races. God has made man "one great family" The White rulers of South Africa would make of it three separate parts based on colour. This is not what we in a part of the British Commonwealth which prides itself of being most enlightened.

I have of course, not been able to complete the picture by referring here to the restriction on later Provincial legislation and the many sin pricks we have to suffer in the course of our daily life with segregation here, there and everywhere, reminding us of our inferior status.

The latest anti Asiatic legislation is my firm conviction perverse my people in particular and humanity at large. Indians have always been of opinion that land rights are inherent and if you take away these rights from a people you destroy their economic development. It is against this principle of human society to subject another to these disabilities. This fresh legislation in South Africa about to be passed is to accept of Hitlerism what would happen if a Nazi Hitler Government in South Africa were to take away the land rights from the English speaking people like Boer War was fought in the 19th English were built. Indian rights in the Transvaal Republic by the Treaty of Vereeniging.

In view of all this and the bitter outlook of appeals to the conscience of the rulers I feel I am convinced that this is the time when my humble effort to refuse to submit to this humiliation and I suffer the consequences. The struggle in for the restore [illegible] rights and [illegible] which so much stress was laid during the last three Wars and which for us the basic principle of the Charter of Freedom of the United Nations. If there is to be any meaning there can be no differentiation based on race or colour.

DIVALI AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS

This week's issue has appeared a day earlier than we had expected. Indians in Durban, the Hindus in particular are today, celebrating their great day of Diwali and tomorrow they will celebrate the Hindu New Year. We take the opportunity of wishing them a Happy Diwali and that the New Year may bring Peace, Prosperity and happiness to all throughout the world.

There will be an issue of INDIAN OPINION next week owing to our staff observing the Diwali holidays. The next issue will appear on November 8

MR. MANILAL GANDHI'S SPEECH

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OUR INDIA LETTER

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Baroda October [illegible]

GANDHIJI REPLIES

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Indians In East Africa

The Indian delegation to East Africa has retained its India and is expected to submit its report to the Government before the ended a of October Kunwar Sir Maharaj Singh, the leader of the delegation said in a Press Interview No section of Indian opinion in East Africa supports the proposed East African Confederation but they all stood." Sir Maharaj Singh observed that even some non official European members had objected to many of the clauses in the Bills. "It might be Bills are non-racial in form," he said, "but I would be quite prejudiced in Indian ideas to European unimaginatively say unquestionably with out prejudice to any community that we make in our report to the Government of India, the two sections of Indian opinion there—upon the provinces of the Bills as they stand They realise that but all practical purposes not only they prevent the future immigration of all but new Indians into East Africa but also they are seriously curtailing Indian normally into the two countries."

Urging a consul of Indian community in these countries, Sir Maharaj Singh said that Indians were not hostile to the people but were only opposed to the new constitutional proposals and not to the Africans. They felt that the Africans should be put forward in legitimate channels of industry, agriculture, commerce and all Muslims who do not agree with the Congress as Quaid-e-Millat is to determine. If I see mist out cause in aspic in spite of the wild talk, to behead all Musalmans and kill them best as prisoners of war lines. It would be a present possibility if Hindus in their hubris offered themselves to be cut to pieces without retaliation or anger in their hearts. Non violence is today rightly understood as Congress Creed. Nevertheless, I maintain that it is the only way to keep Hindustan alive and India undivided. The history of the Congress non-violence for the last twenty five years is striking, if it has not taught us that

"By Muslim I mean the Muslim League. For, not all the Muslims are Muslim Leaguers. The Muslim Leaguers have today raised the slogan that the cause of Indian Muslims is in danger of being submerged and swept out of existence, unless they constitute themselves into a separate State. I call that slogan scare monger ing pure and simple. It is nonsense to say that any people can permanently crush or stamp out of mainstream one-fourth of its population, which the Musalmans are in India But I would have no hesitation in conceding the demand of Pakistan if I could be convinced of its righteousness or that it is good for Islam. But I am firmly convinced that the Pakistan demand as put forth by the Muslim League is un Islamic, and I have not hesitated to call it sinful. Islam stands for the unity and brotherhood of mankind, not for disrupting the oneness of the human family Therefore those who want to divide India lies possibly wearing gruge are enemies alike of India and Islam. They may cut me to pieces, but they cannot make me subscribe to something which I consider to be wrong"

'A Deed Of Mercy'

Under the caption Gandhiji writes in the latest issue of *Harijan* "A Pathan, an ex-INA man, as employed by a firm tried to defend a lad of ten years. The assailants stabbed both the boy and the Pathan The boy died The Pathan lives The deceased boy's father offered Rs. 4,000 as a reward for his bravery He refused saying he tried to do his duty and would not take the reward offered Would that such instances were multiplied!

India And Russia At Paris

Considerable interest attaches to the meeting at Paris between the Soviet Foreign Minister M Molotov, and Mr V K Krishna Menon, personal envoy from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The primary object seems to have been to explore the possibility of Russia helping India with food "I was de cent send you and V M Molotov in reports I to have said, 'It is only because we cannot." In this connection Mr Menon told Reuter "My talks with M Molotov were carried out in a most friendly atmosphere, and total sympathy and understanding I met everywhere in the Russian Embassy He said that the interest was was of good will, no definite ones specifically to accomplish the spadework for future formal relations and agreements between the two countries India wants friendly relations with all countries including Russia and the United Kingdom" said Mr Menon "and we do not feel that friendship with one country excludes friendship with any other country" Mr Menon has seen Mr Attlee The U S A and Australia have decided to have direct ambassadors in India

India And Africa

In his reply to the congratulations from South African leaders, Pandit Nehru says "We have long struggled for the freedom and independence of India, but always we have thought of this freedom as a means to help for all and more especially for those who have been deprived of it India, I hope will always stand and work in this wider freedom. We are particularly interested in the people of Africa who have suffered so much in the past and who are suffering still from exploitation by foreign elements. You can rest assured that the cause of India will always be raised in the cause of African freedom. I trust that it will be possible for the African Arab and Indian communities in Kenya as well as elsewhere to co-operate together for their common advantage He welcomes the idea of African students coming to Indian Universities and technical institutes Though the Inter Asian Relations Conference will be limited to Asia, he feels sure that it will observers from Africa will be welcome at the Conference "We can then consider as to what we should do for developing closer relations between Asia and Africa.

N W Frontier Tribes

The quantum of Frontier tribes has again come into prominence A Peshawar message dated September 3 states that a representative Mohmand tribal Malik met Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan and assured him of their unflinching loyalty, Khan Sahib had suggested to us that back that under the new Swaraj constitution those tribal areas should be incorporated into the N W Frontier Province Leaders of the same tribes went to Jandi Nehru a telegram stating that greetings to the new Government "As brothers, they said we expect to the treatment of us from the British and we prepared to support the cause of freedom with our hand and heart Jandi Nehru in his reply states that he would like to see friendship and brotherhood between us and to establish direct contact with us both known in the Frontier Province and to India as a whole so that we may get to know each other The tribal people are expected to be jubilant on the attainment of Jandi Nehru by the tribal areas after he be The Pagan of Ipi according to Jawab Mahomed Yunus a political Frontier Province says "the already on a visit to welcome the has a mind and hoping that will bring relief to the tribal people A despatch to the Reuter in that the Government is to release Ipi during the spinning better a few tribal leaders of the Province in the Government said We are hopeful that the Congress will be able to bring about a solution of the problem of the tribal areas and hope that the Congress will be able to bring about a solution of the problem of the tribal areas and hope that the Congress will be able to bring about a solution of the problem of the tribal areas and hope

gue which is not to strengthen the hands of slavery in the Muslim country. All tribal people—I can assert with confidence and all the emphasis at my command—are absolutely with the Indian National Congress. An A.P.I. message reports that Badshah Gul, one of the Iata Hafi of Tarangzai, leader of the Mohmand tribe is having said: "I can assure with confidence that Islamic interests are absolutely safe in the hands of the Congress, and we should give ample opportunity to the new National Government to prove their bona fides." With regard to the reported death of Major Donald Fulmont Agent of the south Waziristan, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan says that he is committed suicide by shooting himself through the head, and before his death he left a letter giving his views on the Government's tribal policy.

Hindus And Muslims

A majority of Calcutta (except the *Statesman* and the Labour papers) have stopped publication as a protest against an order of the Bengal Government restricting the freedom of the papers in publishing riot news. Shri Sanjiv Ghose who was in Calcutta for over two weeks as "a friend and messenger" of Gandhiji had about the import of correspondence between Mr. Churchill and Mr. Jinnah. All I can find from Mr. Churchill's letters is that Mr. Jinnah did write an appeal in his letter help, but the answer Mr. Churchill gave was that he thought it funny that Mr. Jinnah should abuse Englishmen to entertain ed happens and then turn to them for help in the same breath. I do not know if that is true. It is what I have been told by Mr. Churchill's associates. We in India however are not interested in such games. Shri Mirza Ismail President of the Mission executive Council, addressing a crowded gathering of the Religious Leaders Association, said: "If in the long course of His Exalted Highness' rule throughout his Dominion there should be equality of opportunity and encouragement, equal prosperity and happiness meeting to personal desires, a complete absence of suspicion, fear and hostility in no article in his Prabhu paper *Prabhaan* Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan advises the League to join the Central Government condemns the recent communal riots, says that the sole aim of the Congress was to effect the transfer of power from British to Indian hands, and adds. It is attention again in which the interests of the Muslims are in jeopardy is the hands of the Interim Government, and the Indian are guilty of injustice to the Muslims, the Khudai Khidmatgars will fight against the Hindus by forging a united front of these communities.'

Indo-Naga Relations

In a letter to the leader of the Naga National Council Pandit Nehru says. "When India is independent, as I am bound to be soon, it is not possible for the British Government to hold on to the Naga territory or any part of it. This strip of territory, he says, will be left isolated between India and China. "It is probable, therefore, that Naga territory must form part of India and of Assam with which it has developed such close economic ties."

Prohibition In CP And Madras

From October 1 nearly half of the Central Provinces and Berar has gone dry. The area under prohibition will be 39,463 square miles representing almost half of the Provinces. The Government will lose half a crore of rupees in revenue as this same. Eight districts of Madras, comprising an area of over 30,000 square miles, have gone dry from the 1st. The Government will have to forego Excise revenue annually to the tune of Rs.5,51 crores as a result of prohibition. "The financial losses administrative difficulties," observed Mr. Prakasam, the Madras Premier, "are nothing compared with the large-scale moral and economic benefits these emancipations from the drink evil is bound to confer on the people, particularly the poorer sections thereof."

A Municipal Nellore (Madras) has been thrown open to Harijans. The Bombay Legislature Assembly has passed the first reading of a Bill to prevent minor marriages, between minor girls below 18 and men over 45. The Bill will now be circulated for eliciting public opinion. The Marjan Bill, passed through all stages by the Bombay Assembly, has become law on the 2nd. It is a great step towards the total abolition of untouchability.

Indian States And C A

"If the duly constituted and *de facto* Government of India summons a Constituent Assembly and takes other steps outlined in the statement of May 16, the Indian States in my opinion cannot withhold their participation, says Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer, Dewan of Travancore, in a Press statement. The declaration of May 16 and subsequent developments in British India have definitely brought about a vital change in the outlook and future programme of the states who have to adjust their relations to the circumstances obtaining as the likely result on all on the dependent India. The interim administration and then policies in relation to British India and the outside world have to be remodelled so that they may fit themselves in the new set-up." Following the developments of the Princes is expected to have held in Delhi. The States are anxious to come to the Constituent Assembly irrespective of the League. The Princes in any case, would like to come to the Constituent Assembly and they are not at all worried about the British Indian political controversy. The ruler of the small State of Sangli in the Deccan has made an announcement that all departments which are at present administered by Ministers in British Indian provinces will be similarly held in Sangli State by Ministers who will be removable by a vote of the Sangli Legislative Assembly.

Goa

The Portuguese Government in Goa is coming in for a good deal of notoriety. It has punished Shri Kalkudkar, a popular musician and at one time an inmate of Gandhiji's Ashram at Sevagram, with nine years' transportation for demanding civil liberty. Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, who was on his way to Goa was arrested and put into jail.

WORDSWORTH IN ALEXANDRA

I MET a little piccaninn
His eyes was very large.
I thought he looked a little thin
And hungry and forlorn

* * *

I asked if he and food, No, sir!

He shook his woolly head
He hadn't got a porringer
Nor mealie meal, nor bread

* * *

I asked about his home he cried!

I insisted at last
"We have a room, he then replied,
"In Alexandra, boss."

* * *

I asked about his family
If there were many others
He said "There's Mommy,
Puppy me
Two sisters and two brothers"

* * *

I'll, I learnt, had killed off
loss
(He hoped they'd gone to heaven
For boss they and no more
for sure,
Already they were seven!

And there with what they earned, I found
Could live to misery and tears
And make the wheels go smoothly round
For on their white trustees.

* * *

And pay their taxes to the state
And never use their vote
As I patiently appreciate
Their lack of benefits

* * *

I thought the boy was not a fool,
In fact I found him bright
And yet he'd never been to school
And couldn't read nor write,

* * *

But once—he scanned a little book—
They'd taught him how to sing,
He'd learnt some songs that praised the Lord
And one to save the King

* * *

Me and Goodbye and "Thank you sir"
And took his way aboard.
He hadn't got a porringer
Nor mealie meal, nor bread.

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Things In General

Colour Prejudice

A correspondent above the nom-de-plume "Disgusted" writes in the East London *Daily Dispatch* 6th.—As a recently-arrived immigrant to this country I have naturally been struck very forcibly by the colour and race prejudice which abound here. I have endeavoured to discuss some of these questions with local people but it is evident that the colour of the otherwise kindly and friendly South Africans are so thoroughly saturated with racial prejudices that they are quite incapable of rational thought on arguments where colour questions are involved.

To illustrate to what illogical limits the prejudice is taken I should like to refer to the case of Europeans on the buses. If a Native is occupying a seat the European will apparently stand for miles rather than sit beside the Native. I believe this is the attitude called keeping the colour in its place—as if it is a question of the dignity of the superior white race? Perhaps it is argued that whites cannot sit beside Natives or they are not taken that such scruples is not apply when it is a question of getting the Native to do some work evidently they are quite clean enough to wash and iron some clothes, handle some children prepare and cook one's food.

Of course I know I shall be told that after I have lived in South Africa longer I shall understand better and shall come to accept the current attitude. I was told this before I left England and have been told it on many times since. I have been in South Africa for four months and every day of my stay serves only to deepen my conviction of the injustice of the order of things here.

Wedding

The marriage between Dr. Leonard Godfrey son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Christopher and Miss Leila Christopher daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Christopher took place on 5th day afternoon October 24 at the St. Alban's Church Durban. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. H. Mitchell. It was followed by a grand reception given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Christopher at Greenwood Park. There were about 200 guests present. Speeches were made eulogising the services of Mr. and Mrs. A. Christopher to the community and congratulating the wedded couple and wishing them a happy and prosperous married life. The bride and bridegroom were recipients of valuable gifts from friends and relatives.

Support From Turkey

The numerous dept at the Indian National Congress, it is understood has received sympathetic replies from the Countries Guinea in its fight Turkey and Iran in its nationalism for seeking their country's support in bringing the case of South African Indians against the Union Government before the United Nations Organisation.

Profiteering in Tanganyika

In Dar-Es-Salaam the Chief Justice Sir George Graham Paul warned the public against what he called the utterly shameless profiteering in Tanganyika when he dismissed an appeal made by an Indian trader against a fine of £150 or six months hard labour for selling 3lbs of flour above the controlled price. The acquittals in Tanganyika are in part due to magistrates misdirecting juries as to the law. In some respects worse than during the war. If this utterly shameless profiteering continues in Tanganyika it may be necessary for me to give Magistrates the advice to acquit seriously in contravening such as this to both a substantial fine and imprisonment even for a first offence.

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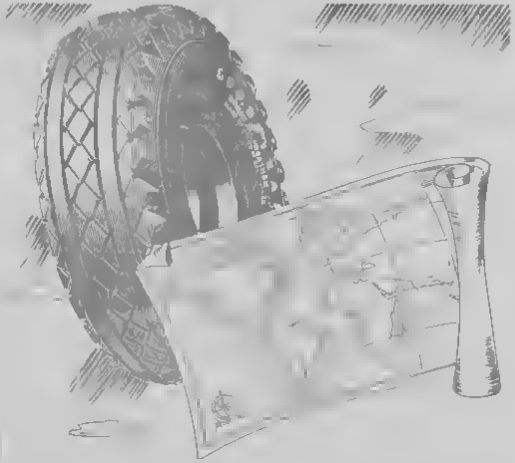
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PRISON COMPLAINTS AGAIN

FURTHER allegations of harsh and brutal treatment of passive resisters in Natal prisons and particularly to Dundee and Maritzburg were made to a telegram to the Minister of Justice Mr H. Lawrence, and the Durban Natal Witness. Private, by Mr A. I. Meer, the secretary of the Natal Indian Congress.

The telegram alleges that a group of resisters being taken from the Durban City gaol to Dundee gaol, were dressed in dirty rag shirts and torn sacking trousers which exposed parts of their bodies. No shoes were provided.

"During their 17 days in the Dundee gaol, no change of clothing was provided. After four days their hand was reduced and when complaints were made, they were told that as they did not work, they would not get any full rations.

"Warders often abused and swore at the resisters. No food was provided during the train journey from Durban and they were given a meal of porridge at Dundee, 19 hours after their last meal at Durban."

After mentioning that no adequate medical facilities were provided, the telegram says that in the Pietermaritzburg gaol, conditions are now worse than they have been before. "Resisters are being insulted, abused and assaulted daily.

"The Pietermaritzburg Passive Resistance Council has received reliable statements from released resisters on the brutality inflicted upon them. Resisters in the recent visit of the Minister of Justice to Durban, whose instead of holding a proper inquiry into the charges made by us regarding gaol conditions, the Minister by his defence of prison officials, actually encouraged them to continue their present treatment.

"Our information is that, since the Ministers visit to Natal, conditions have considerably deteriorated. Released resisters daily bring to our notice the harsh and inhuman treatment that is being meted out to them.

Here are some examples —A group of resisters recently released from the Dundee gaol

MR. MANILAL GANDHI'S STATEMENT IN COURT

MR MANILAL GANDHI made the following statement in Court before sentence was passed: — I have pleaded guilty to the charge of trespassing on Corporation land. I have violated this law of trespass to court arrest and thus to protest against the Government's policy of the racial discrimination which has culminated in the promulgation of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act. We consider this Act to be unjust in that it relegates us to a status of inferiority and it is an insult to our national self respect. Hence it is not for the Court to enter into the political aspect of the Law I shall refrain from entering into a discussion of it here. The reason why I have violated the present law is because the authorities are not inclined for the time being, it would appear to repeal or to alter the Asiatic Land Tenure Act and our purpose is to demonstrate our protest and our suffering will crush time on the Government and to the conscientiousness of our request for the repeal of the Act. I have chosen to take this step in obedience to the higher law of the Universe which guides the destinies of all living things. I very well know as provided with no alternative. You will perhaps hold that the law as earlier the penalty. In the present instance, my conscience forbids me to submit to the law for reasons I have stated above. I am fully conscious of the seriousness of my position especially as the gaol at present holding a very unsettled condition and I wish respectfully to submit that I am acknowledging and willingly committed this offence and I hold myself responsible for none of all who are with me. While I am in no manner to me a moral duty and I would not like to repeat the crime if I were set free. I therefore ask the Court to inflict on me the highest penalty that the law provides.

It also says that the blankets provided in their cells were lousy; with bugs and lice and that they were confined to cells to which the lights were never lit.

Mr. Meer says that during their 17 days in the Dundee gaol, on change of clothing was provided and after four days, their rations were reduced. The reason given for this was that as they did no work, they could not expect full rations.

The telegram sends down more it has become necessary to expose the brutal and savage treatment of passive resisters in Natal prisons.

"At present there are 996 passive resisters housed in a most very Natal gaol and since the have arrested that when they left the Durban Central gaol they were dressed in dirty rag shirts and torn sacking breeches which exposed parts of their bodies. No shoes were provided. They were handcuffed in the train in third class compartments to Dundee.

During a train journey of 12 hours they had to sit huddled and cramped ten to each compartment. At Dundee with a few exceptions, they were left up to three cells throughout their stay of 17 days there.

The lights in the cell were never lit and they had to confine themselves in days and nights, to their cells, which were dirty and the blankets provided were bug and lice infested.

AN OUTRAGE AGAINST MANKIND

MRS PANDIT ON INDIAN CASE AT UNO

MRS VIJAYALAKSHMI Pandit, leader of the Indian delegation to the United Nations' General Assembly told the Assembly today that they rejected the Nazi doctrine of racialism wherever and in whatever form it might be practised.

We seek no dominion over others—We claim no privileged position for other people but we do claim equal and honourable treatment for our people wherever they may go and we cannot accept any discrimination against them.

"For this reason and on the assumption of good faith we expect the United Nations to implement the principles and basis of civilised life which have been embodied in the Charter. We have brought before the Assembly the treatment of Indians in South Africa. The way this Assembly treats and disposes of this issue is going to be one, not only of those who are gathered here, but to millions in the world —progressive people in all countries, more particularly our European people—who are in the overwhelming majority of the human race.

"The issue we have brought before you is by no means a major one and a local one, but one we honestly say symbolises that a proper and continuous struggle of this kind against the fundamental principles of the Charter can be claimed by anyone least of all by a member state to be a matter of our concern in this Assembly.

"Our recognition of racial doctrines are still fresh in the minds of all of us. Their evil and tragic consequences are part of the problems with which we are called on to deal.

India firmly believes that the peculiar political economic or social institutions part of the world it may exist and by whom never it may be established and perpetuated is totally inconsistent with the objects and purposes of the United Nations and its Charter.

"The sufferings, loss ruin and violation of human dignity and the challenge to world peace provisions and security that the Empire represents must be one of the prime concerns of this Parliament of the World's people. Millions look to us to remain united and imperialism in all its forms even as they rely on us to create the true instance of Freedom and Freedom.

"We regret that some of the other political issues examined by the Security Council with the exception of the Syrian and Lebanese question, have been unsatisfactorily or unsimply disposed of. We express our regret that not all the mandatory powers have offered to place in territories for which they hold mandates under United Nations trusteeship. We are gravely concerned that South Africa proposes that South West Africa shall be incorporated.

"We must in spite of difficulties towards sincere cooperation and the building of a world community. Let us do this with more deliberation and speed. To this end let us direct our energies and resolutions to carry out fully of progress and peace all over the face of the world.

Things In General

(Extracts From Saps Reuter Reports)

Indian Moral Support

The whole activity of the Government of India, ever since the war in Air and passive resistance campaign started had been one of giving moral support to that movement, said Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru the Vice President of the Interim Government in reply to a question in the Central Legislative Assembly (Lower Chamber) Recently a section of the Indians in South Africa had suggested the suspension of the movement and the holding of a round table conference to consider the whole problem but the bulk of the community appeared to be opposed to this approach he said. The movement still continued and had caught the imagination of the Indians. "The Government of India is not sending any direct material aid to the passive resisters, but has stated that the whole case of our countrymen in South Africa in the United Nations Assembly he said

India Flies Documents To UNO Assembly

Important documents in support of India's case against South Africa have been flown from India to the Indian delegation in the United Nations General Assembly

The documents, some of which date back to 1895 were sent by special registered airmail

During the documents accompanying them would informed sources in a letter dated 1895 sent by the then Government of the Cape of Good Hope to the Indian Government inviting India to send her nationals to South Africa where they would be treated on a par with Europeans.

This document, it is understood will be produced by the Indian delegation when the matter is brought before the Joint Legal and Political Committee of the United Nations

Settlement Through Mediation

It is learnt authoritatively that efforts are being made for the controversy between South African and India over the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill now before the General Assembly to be settled through mediation. African independent bodies interested delegates are understood to have seconded both South African and the Indian representation or whether they would entertain a round table conference. The Indians it is understood would not consider entering into such talks as long as the Act remains on the South African Statute book.

A source close to the Indian delegation said that the representation on behalf of the South African Government was made to the Ad Hoc Assembly for the opening of negotiations at a round table conference. India then said that it had urged such a move and this had been flatly refused "That is the reason why India was forced to take preliminary measures and bring the matter before the General Assembly If any further approach is to be made, the initiative must come from South Africa the source added.

There is very little chance that the South African Indian question before UNO will be settled by mediation. Many delegates have gained the impression that the Indians are using the South African issue as "the lion-light" not that they will try to keep the subject on the agenda for the fullest discussion, Mrs. Lakshmi Pandit leader of the Indian delegation in the General Assembly when told of the round table move, said "We are definitely against it. We sent the matter dealt with before the bar of world opinion General Smuts did not comment.

Interpretation Of United Nations Charter

Experts at the United States delegation to UNO are working on the problem of the interpretation of the United Nations Charter brought about by the Indian complaint against the treatment of Indians in South Africa. The whole matter has been discussed at a meeting of the delegation and a delegation spokesman said that there was absolutely no split on the question inside the delegation The specific India South Africa question is understood to have complicated only a few minutes of the delegations meeting The end of the time was spent discussing the general principle of how to reconcile articles two clause seven of the charter with articles one and eight charter provisions dealing with human rights.

Article two specifically states that the United Nations is not authorised to intervene in matters essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state." Clause three of the article one states that one of the purposes of the United Nations is "promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction.

A United States delegation spokesman said that the delegation wants as much taking sides on this issue but was merely interested in the constitutional problem of interpreting the charter United States experts are discussing two main problems. They are the interpretation of the word intervene in article two, and what limit is open to any minority anywhere to bring grievances before the United Nations. The American recognise that any decision the Assembly may take in these terms would have far-reaching effects in many countries where minority problems exist.

African Leader Backs Indian Case At UNO

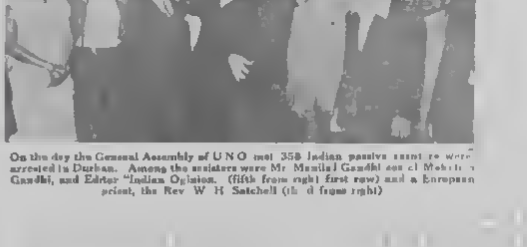
Dr Alfred B Xuma president of the African National Congress, who arrived from Johannesburg on Friday said yesterday he understood that if the United Nations did not listen to some of the opposite and obnoxious opinions of the under-privileged in different parts of the world the organisation would become an empty shell. The Government of South Africa [illegible] charged it [illegible] offences. We were [illegible] permanently on [illegible] issue which could [illegible] mission to visit [illegible] and investigate [illegible] said. "South Africa [illegible] opposed the discrimination [illegible] towards the Indians [illegible] that freedom, justice and [illegible] are indivisible and if it [illegible] help break we think [illegible] chance for us as well

Mr Burns In America

Mr A L. Burns, president of the Natal Municipal Association and chairman of the Durban City Council arrived in New York on Friday to present the Americans people the case for [illegible] condemning the action of [illegible] in South Africa on [illegible] in the allegation [illegible] racial issue put before the United States Mr Burns said that although [illegible] he declined [illegible] to [illegible] what his campaign will include [illegible] have radio talks and public [illegible] with Indians

End Genocide

In his Parliament Cuba will ask UNO to declare that genocide—the extermination of racial groups—rumbles among the worst crimes Egypt has asked the United Nations General Assembly to take prompt and energetic measures in and give advice [illegible] Hurlimann has an [illegible] and racial groups in The [illegible] says that in and on [illegible] Central Europe relations [illegible] like continue to be subjected to persecution and [illegible] in spite of the all [illegible] The matter will [illegible] committee in the coming week [illegible] expected to raise [illegible] discussion



On the day the General Assembly of UNO met 359 Indian passive resisters were arrested in Durban. Among the arrestees were Mr Manilal Gandhi son of Mahatma Gandhi, and Editor "Indian Opinion. (fifth from right first row) and a European priest, the Rev W H Satchell (fifth from right)

OUR INDIA LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Baroda October 14.

OMINOUS?

THE latest news from New Delhi is that negotiations between the Congress and the League have broken down and that the League has decided to join the Interim Government on the strength of the Viceroy's broadcast. It is too early yet to appraise the full implications of this decision, but one thing is an astonishing omission about it. Obviously the Congress and the League will have to work as a team in the Interim Government and the Viceroy's broadcast points to the position of deadlock between the two parties. The question of the Muslim League's participation in the proposed Constituent Assembly is left entirely to the Muslim League itself. The Viceroy has not himself announced that Mr. Jinnah will appoint a time when the Viceroy may summon the Constituent Assembly. Further, the Viceroy has not given any assurance that the Congress will be given the right of forming the Union Government. The Viceroy has left the Congress in the lurch and has not even given any assurance that the Congress will be given the right of forming the Union Government.

British Troops in India

At the British Conservative Party's Conference recently held at Blackpool certain speakers criticised the Interim Government in India. In the course of a spirited reply to these Pandit Jawaharlal said: A charge has been made that I am silent about the withdrawal of the British troops from India and that we seek to use them for quelling communal disturbances. This charge is as much false as the speeches delivered at Blackpool are completely false. We do not want to use them for quelling internal disturbances. It was our policy before we took office and it is our policy now, to have British troops withdrawn from India immediately or at any rate, with the greatest possible speed. While we have expressed our willingness to co-operate with the United Kingdom, he added, I want to make it perfectly clear on behalf of myself and my colleagues in the Government of India that these troops will not be used by us in any attitude towards us as India is a free partner of India."

Independence Of The Army

In a broadcast addressed to men of the Indian Army Navy, and Air Force Sardar Baldev Singh, the first Indian Defence Member, outlined the policy to be followed by the Interim Government. Referring to the coming freedom he said: This Free India will be for all of us irrespective of our religion or creed or province might be. We shall all be equal sharers in that freedom and to the joy that freedom brings. He paid them a tribute for having borne adult to the past and now the most glorious ideal of a people that aims at true freedom worldwide—the ideal of unity and asked them to preserve this unity so far as I am concerned, he said, you can trust your Chief and all allow any communal or other narrow considerations to come in the way of the service of India to her armed forces. I appeal to you, and I appeal with confidence that you will also rise at once to this great occasion and your outlook and spirit must also be imbued with the love of India as our common Motherland so that we may take pride in this land of ours and serve it to the best of our capacity." Speaking of what the Government aimed at he said: "We aim at building up a truly national army which will be the pride of this great land of ours. It is indeed our right to have our armed forces completely independent. Nobody disputes that right. Independence of armed forces will now be speeded up at an accelerated pace compatible with efficiency, and our only concern will be to maintain and better the excellence of the standard you your selves have been built up." He pleaded for relations of friendliness and esteem between the army and the people. Of the British officers who have come to the army faithfully and loyally he said: I am very hopeful that their help and co-operation in the great task of Independence will be available now as in the past. We shall value their talent and their co-operation as we never before." With regard to the relations of India with the outside world he said: India, as you know has never sought domination over others. We have lived in peace with our neighbours and the world outside. Even the thought that has crossed our borders has been the message of peace and neighbourliness to the world outside."

Commercial Policy

During his visit to Bombay the Commerce Member Mr. Bhabha, speaking before the Indian Merchants Chamber said that the Interim Government were very much concerned to see that trade sanctions against South Africa were enforced effectively. "We have already approached appropriate authorities in the land to find out what truth there is in the reports which have recently appeared in the press that re-exports of jute bags to South Africa are taking place from America although these reports be correct we shall not fail to take suitable action to ensure that sanctions against South Africa are not evaded."

Dealing with some other points he said that planning was assuming the special attention of the Government, and only after it had been finalised, could a long term tariff policy be enunciated. No efforts were being spared for the development of external trade and strong foundations for it were being laid by the appointment of Trade Commissioners, the despatch of Missions abroad and following them up even by establishing commercial links by entering into trade on Government-to-Government basis. He also revealed that an Indian Foreign Service was going to be established shortly, and the Government would also draw upon that service for the purpose of commerce. As for reciprocity in overseas trade negotiations with Argentina have now come to a successful end but in this matter they had to proceed with caution. He was not in a position to restore normal trade channels with Iran in regard to certain commodities for though the war had ended, war conditions were still prevalent. The supply still fell considerably below the demand and he was afraid that commodities might have to be rationed out by special agencies. He hoped that with the new political and developments in Burma a satisfactory settlement between the two countries on all outstanding issues would be found

South Africa And UNO

A Reuter's message from New York dated October 10 says that India's protest against the treatment of Indians in South Africa will be discussed at the forthcoming Assembly of United Nations General Assembly by the Political and Security Committee. If on item from the Assembly's provisional agenda but its place in the work of the Political and Security Committee will be decided by the Assembly's General Committee. The General Assembly adds the Indian note the message may recommend measures for peaceful adjustment of a situation considered likely to impair friendly relations among nations.

Frontier Tribesmen

Speaking to frontier tribesmen Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan said: It is at present that those leaders who call you towards the so-called Holy War (Jehad) are still found in glove with Englishmen. This wicked innocent Muslim blood is going of Islam. Where were those leaders when there was no actual Holy War in Malakand Agency and other tribal areas. What did they do against bombardment by Waziristan? I was the first man who raised my voice against this bombardment and I felt that the Englishmen are not brothers. We are passing be aided through very evil times. This Kaafirana raid is not of one man we are all the inhabitant of being pawns in the game of losing power. People misled you in the name of Islam but the bombs they have received from English man. They also include men in Government officials so as to find the days in guns when they could terrorise poor people and enjoy at the expense. Returning to the coming visit of Pandit Nehru he said: "We want a change in the tribal policy for the betterment of the tribesmen. I want you to know that the world is in the grip of a malaise which has compelled Englishmen to relinquish their grip over India.

India And China

In a message of greetings to China on the anniversary of the foundation of the Chinese Republic, sent through Mr. V. H. Yih Secretary in Charge of the affairs of Legation in the Chinese in being handed Nehru said that of today greatly value that can meet between our two and direct to strengthen these old links the opportunity to express the hope that the two countries will work together in closest friendship to lasting peace prosperity and happiness." In his reply Mr.

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RUSTOMJEE FLIES TO U.N.O.

MR. Sorabjee Rustomjee who will represent the Joint Passive Resistance Council in the Natal and Transvaal in the Congress and will assist the Indian delegation at UNO if and when the question of the South African Indians is discussed left Durban on Saturday via London by flying boat for New York.

In a statement issued to a Press Mr Rustomjee said that it was encouraging to learn of the efforts of the Union Government to attempt to secure the unanimity dismissed of the South African Indian question from the Gamma Assembly's agenda.

"The opportunity now presents itself for the vindication of the fundamental rights and demands of the present and future generations of my people in this country to be allowed in the lands born in South Africa with self respect and with a status compatible with the dignity of India the said

"First and foremost all my fellow countrymen and country women have been and will implicit faith with and labour by Natal Indian Congress and other Indian organisations to secure for ... wherewithal ... attention of the country and ... we will be ... the opposition of ... against law ... against me will ...

"The cause ... the passive ... stakes will be ... support ... I will ... appeal ... the human ... Union Government ... Indians ... Malan's ... will ... fair ... and ... I ... Indian ... with self respect ... with a status ... in the British Commonwealth of Nations.

"I ... the United States to ... on of the leaders ... the obligations of ... American people ... difficulties and ... have to endure ... by reason of our ...

... racialism for which we ... and the equity of our ... cannot daily the eyes ... the democratic loving nations.

When the full story is told I am confident that even South Africa will admit her mistakes and in a statesmanlike manner remedy the harm it has done to unimportant section of its people.

If for some reason or other our cause drags at the United Nations then the most fitting will be the world conference of the S. African callous convened by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru the interpretation of the Government of India in New Delhi, early next year. I am hoping that it will not be necessary to go there.

Lastly I want to say my countrymen No matter what others do I to do, my path of duty is ... We must continue the struggle and unitedly respond ... to lead in the justice of our cause. We have become the ... I ... I call the approval ... opposite this meeting.

With that in our Creator who made all men equal let us march forward.

Mr Sorabjee Rustomjee was seen at Durban Airport by a large crowd of friends who had gathered to bid him farewell. A speech was made by Mr Lazarus Morgan. A speech was also made by Mr Rustomjee who said that the Indian Passive Resistance Council and the Natal Indian Congress were in full sympathy with the struggle of their fellow country men in the Union.

Reuters Misled People

Mr Jinnah described recent reports in Moslem minority press as mischievous and untrue. He asked Moslems to remain calm no matter how provocative or aggressive the attitude of other people may be.

Mahatma Gandhi writing in *Harijan* said it would be wrong to describe the perpetrators of the wrongs in East Bengal as bad men. The perpetration of wrong are undoubtedly being initiated by men who should know better. It is hard to understand what ... have when some hearts in mind it is possible into the ... of Islam which is ... of the Moslems. To meet the evil one element in Islam must in my spark their mind but ... unsparingly and promptly.

Mahatma Gandhi's Health

Mahatma Gandhi who has been suffering since Friday from ... and a attack is better and he sought to gradually increasing his dosage and He did not ... of coconut milk, fruit juice, honey, or glucose, and hot water



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Self-Interest And Political Expediency

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U.N.O. BATCH RELEASED



Rev W H [illegible] leading marchers in the second U.N.O. Day demonstration on October 23 to join the others occupying Resistance Camp.

IT is now nearly a month since the great U.N.O. Day demonstration on October 23 at Red Square which over 12,000 people attended. The stream of Resistance Camp with hundreds of white caps in the air are easily recalled. Policemen trying to keep order while thousands of people both Europeans and Indians milled around trying to see what was happening. It was an unusual event in South Africa for such a large number of persons (358) to court voluntary imprisonment in protest against injustice. When the batch was arrested women were taken away in a lorry but the others were made to march to the Central Police Station which is a very great distance from the camp. The men comprising the batch was tried before the Durban Magistrate for trespass.

Released To-day

To day after 23 days in jail a part of the U.N.O. Day batch has been released from the jails in different parts of Natal. The batch was led by Mr Manilal Gandhi, the Rev W H Satchell, Mr Naon Sita and Mr A.E. Patel. There are many however, 144 in batch who will still remain in jail having been sentenced to 3 months hard labour for occupying Resistance Plot a second time. Notable among these is Mrs Sarakala Patel from the Transvaal. A special tribute must be paid to the European padre, the Rev W H Satchell who is the second member of the European clergy to join the Indian resisters.



Mr MANILAL GANDHI Editor of INDIAN OPINION who is seen at a Resistance Hall meeting in Saville Street soon after his return from India

Statements In Court

The Rev Satchell the [illegible] horrors or super race was wholly repugnant to the Christian Church. As a South African I am filled with shame and sorrow for the attitude taken by the Government."

Mr Manilal Gandhi I have violated this law of trespass to court arrest and thus to protest against the Government's policy of racial discrimination which has culminated in the promulgation of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act. I have chosen to take the step in obedience to the higher law of Universe which guides the destinies of all living beings.



Some of the 350 resisters who made up the biggest batch of the Resistance Campaign conducted by the Transvaal and Natal Indian Congress photographed in Resistance Hall.

HARD LABOUR FOR BREAKING PROVINCIAL BARRIER

"WILL NOT GO UNCHALLENGED"

—Dr Dadoo

MR J N SINGH, the 25 years-old Secretary of the Transvaal Passive Resistance Council and Executive member of the Transvaal Indian Congress, was arrested last week at Inkamanzana on a charge of contravening the provisions of the Natal Areas Regulation Act of 1943. Under this Act Indians are prohibited from moving from one province to another in the Union of South Africa. This is what is generally referred to as 'provincial barriers,' which compels Indians to live and die in the provinces in which they are born.

Mr Singh a South African born Indian domiciled in Natal, entered the Transvaal under permit after completing his B.A at the Natal University College. He studied at Witwatersrand University and was awarded his LL.B. these at the end of 1945. Mr. Singh was still serving his articles for admission on a barrister when he accepted the honorary but full time post of Secretary of the Transvaal Passive Resistance Council.

During the course of this week Mr Singh was brought for trial before a Johannesburg Magistrate. Mr Singh pleaded guilty to having violated the law and said that he had done it deliberately as a protest against the iniquity of a law which discriminated against Indians and interfered with their freedom of movement in the land of their birth. Mr Singh emphasised how this Immigration Act was used in an attempt to prevent him from exploiting his legal training.

Mr Singh was sentenced to one month's hard labour. Those weeks of the sentence were suspended for one year on condition that he was not found guilty of a similar offence in that period.

Barbarous Measure

In a statement issued after Mr Singh's arrest Dr Y M Dadoo President of the Transvaal Indian Congress states

"This high handed and disastrous act of the Union Government cannot be too strongly condemned. It is made in terms of a barbarous measure which makes the Indian citizen a foreigner in the land of his birth. While General Smuts is defending the treatment of non-European citizens in the Union before the War of world opinion at U N O this deportation without trial of one of our leading citizens reveals how it can seamlessly policy which the Union Government pursues. It will not be allowed to go unchallenged.

The Transvaal Indian Congress has called the Indian delegation at U N O to take these to protest against this act during the U N O discussion on the South African Indian question

We know that this action against Mr Singh may be a prelude to the opening of a new front in the Passive Resistance campaign

MR. HOFMEYR ON S.A.'s RACE PROBLEM

SOUTH AFRICA'S race problem was only one aspect of a world race problem but at the same time it was unique and other countries would have to realise that said Mr J H Hofmeyr the Acting Prime Minister, when he opened the annual congress of the Natal Branch of the United Party in Maritzburg on Wednesday.

This is not a country where, as in the United States the White man dictates conditions because the fact that he is a considerable numerical majority. Here we have the fact which is of tremendous importance from the psychological point of view that we Whites are in the minority," said Mr Hofmeyr.

South Africans had to appreciate the fact that their race problem was part of a world problem. "Other nations on their side must learn to appreciate that even though it is part of the world problem it has distinguishing features which make it quite different from other aspects of that world problem with which they are acquainted. It is part of General Smuts's task at this time to bring that home to them. We can but in all sincerity wish him good success in that task."

There were two points which emerged from the U N O proceedings which had not been sufficiently appreciated in the past, said Mr Hofmeyr. "The first is that we are living in what has become one world, and that South Africa whether we like it or not is part of that world. And that non-world is predominantly a non-White world. Thus in of course of special importance respective four problems of race relations the international aspect of which we are so largely ignore.

"Those were all the relations ship between Europeans and Non Europeans was a matter for ourselves alone. We still like in regard it as such—still resent anything in the way of external interference. But in this shrinking world the position in that regard has changed very considerably. The spotlight of the world has come to be directed upon us, and a sense of awareness of our of discussion is spreading among us as a result.

"Our relationship with the Asiatics is no milder to no longer just an concern. It is now aspect of the world problem of European-Asiatic relations. Our relationship with Africa is part of the world wide clash of colour. These are considerations of which General Smuts has to take account in New York. They are considerations of which we must all take account in our approach to these problems in future.

"But there is something else not sufficiently realised in the past, which is also wearing the [illegible] recognition [illegible] Empire outside of South Africa. That is that our problems in race relations though part of a world wide problem to some [illegible] are unique in character.

We say that people outside South Africa do not understand our race problems. The reason that this is so is that these problems are different from what they are in other countries.

"This is not a country where as in India, for instance, the White man is a bird of passage. It is a country which is available for permanent European settlement. It is the only homeland that we know.

"This is not a country where, as a result of the coming of the Europeans the aboriginal inhabitants have been largely eliminated. For the most part we Europeans have on good a title to South Africa as the non European have—in some cases a better title—and in the matter of their material and progress non record compares favourably with that of other countries where Europeans and non Europeans live side by side as permanent elements in the population

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Dr Naicker President of the Natal Indian Congress and Mr M D Naidoo, Secretary of the Natal Indian Congress who were amongst the first to be imprisoned under the Riotous Assemblies Act in terms of six months imprisonment for their part in the Passive Resistance Campaign against the Ghetto Act will be released on November 16 and 18 respectively

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Mr M D NAIDOO

OUR INDIA LETTER

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Baroda October 28

THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT

East Bengal—Gandhiji's Mission

The events of East Bengal continue to cast their grim shadow over everything else. "Will the League's joining the Interim Government put a stop to the riots?" is the question that is uppermost in every body's mind. Gandhiji left on October 27 for Bengal. On the eve of his departure for Calcutta he said "I am going to Noakholi and to Bad land with others. I am going there not as a judge but as a servant of the people. Even in a dream I never intended to incite communal riots. My mission is of love and peace. Some Muslims have become angry with me. Why can he create my enemy when I think that all humanity is equal? All are brothers and sisters. I have dedicated my life to God, and I think I am a servant of humanity. We may have different religions, but that does not mean that we are enemies."

Krishalana Survey

After a tour of the streets of Chandipur and Noakholi, Acharya Kripalani, at a press conference at Calcutta on October 26 said he had arrived at the following conclusions which would be proved with [illegible] evidence before any impartial tribunal, provided the people giving evidence were assured of security against molestation (1) The attack on the Hindu population was previously arranged and prepared for. It was the result of Muslim League propaganda. Prominent League leaders in the villages had a large hand in it. (2) The outbreaks had wantonly conveyed to them orally and in writing by prominent Muslims in the area. (3) Some of the Muslim officials connived at the preparations going on. A few encouraged (4) Large crowds of Muslims went to villages collected large amounts as subscriptions from Hindus, burnt looted the houses and in most cases burnt them. Looted articles continued not only money but foodgrains utensils clothes, and also cattle. Sometimes before a house was looted the inmates were asked to embrace Islam. That, however, did not give them immunity against loot and arson. (5) The slogans raised by the crowds were "League Zindabad, "Pakistan Zindabad" "Lathe Leage Pakistan" "Marke Leage Pakistan" Even unarming people were killed. All that was said to be in revenge for Muslim lives lost in Calcutta. Figures of those killed could not be ascertained during the short time at my disposal. Only in one area, round about a village of about 300 souls, were killed. Some families lost all their male members. (6) Those who indulged in these orgies were local Muslims. There were very few people, if at all, from outside. (7) Even when looting arson and murder [illegible] the population had to endure a [illegible] of panic. At a sign of conveyance they were given white cups such as are used by Muslims. They also the cups were now and always [illegible] with the name of Pakistan. The Hindu population was called in Friday prayers and made to recite Kalma and Namaz. The women were converted by their [illegible] such bangles being broken and their [illegible] removed. As a sign of conversion they were asked to touch the cloth consecrated by Pir. They too had to recite the Kalma. All the images of gods in Hindu houses were destroyed, and all the Hindu temples of the district were looted and burnt. (8) There have been cases of forced marriages and abduction. The numbers could not be ascertained as a short time [illegible] was granted to all victims were expected to run [illegible] of these areas whether converted or not live in peace and fear. (11) Approaches to the affected villages are effectively guarded by the Sardjanas. (12) Those who were outside the area during the disturbances have not been able to go home. (13) Men, women and children in many Muslim are running Village relief offices in the interesting. (14) The police did not function during the riots. They are doing patrol only now. They say they have no orders to fire except in self defence with fire arms. Arms were taken away from the police. Arms were not in the 30 h July 30 arrests have been made up to the 25th. The strength of the police and the military in the area was not sufficient. He did not believe that economic factors were behind all that had happened. Not a single such Muslim house had been looted. To him it appeared to be absolutely communal and absolutely one-sided. The number of refugees was between 40 and 50 thousand. They were in a miserable condition. He appealed to every Bengali Hindu to keep calm and never think in terms of reprisal.

When Will They End?

In an interview given to Mr Preston Grover of the Associated Press of America, Gandhiji described the Bengal outbreaks as "flames branding and added "If the Muslim League wanted to control it it should think it did it could. To a question as to when the type of disturbances would end in India he replied

"You may be sure that they will end. If the British influence were withdrawn they would end much earlier. While the British influence in Bengal was there it could not end. The British power [illegible]

Confirmation From Other Sources

The reluctant arrival of by Acharya Kripalani are being confirmed from several other sources and reports are pouring in. An A.P.A. correspondent describes the miserable plight of refugees in the Security of the Relief Committee at Chandpur, writing on 30th he says said mass conversions still continued and the attacks were continuing. A report by the Unit Press says military people brought their knowledge in the help of the safe locations in dealing out [illegible] digging graves and lighting fires. [illegible] Hindus [illegible] to change their faith were murdered and more [illegible] were forced to accept [illegible] Hindu belonging to [illegible] were evacuated or destroyed. [illegible] millions were also [illegible] Wealthy persons who had old currency notes [illegible] through weight of ammunition were kept encircled and sought to be starved in submission. A report from Comilla describes how 27 persons in a hut were burnt alive. At several places [illegible] were also forced to change their religion. As A.P.I. report from Calcutta dated October 25 says A number of women in disturbed areas in Noakholi jumped into the fire to save their honour. Many took poisons as [illegible] committed suicide by hanging according to refugees from Noakholi arriving in Assam. The enquiry of Jerom Rajput was one of medieval India was that repeated.

At this is being written the disturbances in those areas have somewhat abated. But their

number of mass riots in Dacca Calcutta and Chhapra in Bihar.

Condemnations

In a statement condemning the disturbances and disorder, Mr. Jinnah said the reports of peril were exaggerated but concluded by saying "I must earnestly appeal to Muslims and every Leaguer in particular, wherever they may be, to stand by the principles of Islam, to defend and protect the weak, show complete tolerance and help in every way to restore order and restore the fair name of Islam in the eyes of the world. I appeal to every Hindu to reciprocate while-heartedly and without reserve."

Maulana Hafizur Rehman General Secretary of the Jamiat-ul-Ulema in a statement issued from New Delhi, said that by their acts in East Bengal the Muslims had tarnished the bright lamb of Islam and added that it was the duty of all Muslim leaders and Ulemas to come out of their political differences and categorically condemn all cases of loot, arson and forcible conversion and declare that Islam cannot tolerate such evil deeds."

The *Statesman* in its editorial on October 24 says: It is undeniable that the present Bengal Ministry is very strong, has largely fortified public confidence and needs no such backing. The Governor has looked tardily and lately of conditions with his own eyes. He has a special responsibility. He must know that the greatest peacable son of Ireland has been told that there is no thing of community against community, but that it was the work of a body of hell gun. We wonder why these hell guns were permitted to deploy that license at all. Arrests of the miscreants seem to have been few. Energy has been ominously wanting somewhere.

In the course of a strongly worded resolution passed at New Delhi the Congress Working Committee say that most manifest of the Bengal Government and statements of the Chief Minister the communal pact and agencies of ghastliness and relentless tragedy that no exaggeration is necessary to add to the effect. It goes on to say The Committee hold that the murderers of brutality in the latest result of the policies of hate and mail raids that the Muslim League has practised in years past, and of the threats of similar that it has daily held out in the past months. The chief burden of permitting a civil calamity of such proportions to befall the people of the province must rest on the provincial Government. Further, the Congress and the Governor in council who claim to possess special responsibilities in such matters must also share the burden for events in Bengal. The Committee express their heartfelt sympathy with the sufferers and conclude by sounding a warning against retaliatory outbreaks of communal violence. Nationalism and communalism are in a death grip. The Committee lay emphasis on the warning that communalism can only be fought with nationalism and not with communalism which can only end in perpetuating its ugly rule."

Nehru's Frontier Tour

Enough publicity has been given to the hostile demonstrations and stone-throwing during Pandit Nehru's tour in the tribal areas. Let not the impression gain ground, however, that there was striking but opposition. There is the other side of the picture as well. To begin with five Hindus who were kidnapped by tribesmen in Kohat district about two months ago were released, as the news of the visit, by their captors, presumably as a goodwill gesture. We are eagerly awaiting the visit of our great guest Nehru, said a message from Mahsud tribesmen. Similar messages were also received from other hill people. At Razmak, on October 18, Pandit Nehru addressed two thousand Indian soldiers and civilians. "Some of these troops were from South India," he said "a long time," Pandit Nehru said, "there has been a barrier between us. That wall is now crumbling away. Indian army has won for itself a great name throughout the world. In India all classes will have to protect the independence. We do not want to deprive anyone of his independence. On the other hand we want to make every one's freedom, in the grand structure that we wish to erect in India there will be a place for everyone." He finished the speech amidst tumultuous applause and shouts of "Jai Hind." In South Waziristan the party passed a mosque welcoming arches and tribal parties firing salutes of celebration, and at Mir Ali they were received and welcomed by Pathan musicians and Khat boom dancers. At Jandola a small party gave them an oriental welcome. The tribesmen listened with attention and respect the speeches of Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan and Pandit Nehru. One of the Bhittani leaders made a speech of welcome. Pandit Nehru received a gift on behalf of seven two thousand inhabitants of the Shahi Khel village, suspected in bombing in August last in which they organised that wish to meet him, and saying that for obvious reasons they could not do so. They wished in welcome him and thanked him for his sympathy in connection with the bombings. In a speech at the end of the tour in Peshawar Pandit Nehru said

Many persons tried to stop me from going to the tribal areas. They said Don't go. But I felt it my duty to go and meet the Pathans and talk to them. For nothing on earth would I have hampered the experiences of the last few days.

We had gone with a message of love. But some persons tried to create disturbances and throw stones. We had felt the arrangements to these wilful defects and to make the arrangements. But what sort of arrangements were made? Certain groups as I hold me are trying to lay the foundations of their future work on hatred and mail strife. But they made it a failure. I am being followed by crowds of dacoits, murders and goodness. But we, who opposed the wall in a greater sense, without fear will not be deterred by petty onslaughts. We will not be knew beaten by such things. It is silent under ill to think that such methods will succeed.

I harbour no anger whatsoever against the tribesmen for what has happened, because I know they are simple and ignorant people who have been incited by others. While you Red Shirts could not contact them others who went to incite them were able to do so. They were told by them lies that Nehru is coming to snatch away your freedom. He is coming to establish Hindu domination over you. Jawaharlal Nehru caused the slaughter of Muslims in Calcutta and other places.

In the face of these incidents, it was but natural that these tribesmen should feel incensed. The tribesmen were held—I do not know by whom—that honoring of Waziristan was ordered by the Congress. Actually bombs were dropped some weeks earlier. We stopped the bombing. The tribesmen are a brave people and I have the highest regard for brave people.

There is kidnapping, murders and disturbances. These ills age, of course, will be stopped with a strong hand but this does not mean that there will be any interference with the tribesmen's liberty in fact that therefore will be enlarged

FOSTERING INDO-RUSSIAN RELATIONS

It is learned in New York that M. Gromyko, the Soviet permanent representative on the Security Council at the United Nations has entered the Indian Delegation of the Soviet support of its efforts to obtain a seat on the Security Council reports United Press.

Meanwhile, Radio reports from New Delhi that Pandit Nehru will be first head of the Interim Government, announced in the Central Legislative Assembly there yesterday that M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister had expressed his willingness to exchange diplomatic representatives with India.

In the session of several days of three more to be filled on Security Council in favour of the Indian case announcement because the United States has got yet to find the position it will take.

But in support of India is well as that of the Middle East and Arabic nations, is already assured.

Two United States bodies is suggested to influence in favour of the Latin-American who have not given down on the subject.

The seat to be vacated by Mexico certain to go to Colombia, and Egypt seat will probably go to Syria, both in conformity with unwritten agreements providing geographical representation for the Latin-American and Arab bloc.

The Norwegians Danes and Belgians are strongly opposed to the seat the Netherlands is standing going to India. They contend that geographical considerations must be upheld.

It is believed in New York that South Africa will not succeed in obtaining United Nations assurance for the incorporation of South-West Africa.

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Gandhiji To Fast Unto Death

Mahatma Gandhi who it was announced had decided to fast unto death if the communal strife in Bihar Province did not end within 24 hours has already gone on to the fewest possible diet in a letter addressed to the people of Bihar Mahatma Gandhi said that unless the communal madness had stopped within 24 hours he would take no more food. He appealed to the Hindus of Bihar to do everything in their power to stop the slaughter of innocent men women and children. He said that if Hindus would be compelled by the evil spirit to kill Muslims they would be committing a sin for which there was no expiation. He added that if Muslims in Bihar and Eastern Bengal did not end

A Losing Battle

In an the headline of Sunita Thresh the daily newspaper Hindu (Madras) in an editorial says Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru on his return to India said that if the India is not speedily accepted the problem of Hindu Muslim unity will be much more difficult to solve. It is astonishing that Mr. Nehru could make such a statement. Surely, a great man of the United States of America. The Indian Union Muslim League and Mr. Jinnah are not going to be satisfied with anything short of Pakistan. Mr. Jinnah has declared that the Muslim League will not participate in the Interim Government unless the Congress accepts the Muslim League's claim to nominate all the Muslim members of the Executive Council. Mr. Jinnah has also declared that the Muslim League will not participate in the Constituent Assembly unless the Congress accepts the Muslim League's claim to nominate all the Muslim members of the Executive Council. Mr. Jinnah has also declared that the Muslim League will not participate in the Constituent Assembly unless the Congress accepts the Muslim League's claim to nominate all the Muslim members of the Executive Council.

Defeating The Ends Of Justice?

In the Natal Mercury of the South African Indian Congress has passed a resolution protesting against the action of the Natal Provincial Council in refusing to grant a certificate of fitness to Mr. [illegible] to practise as an attorney. The resolution states that the Congress is of the opinion that the refusal of the Natal Provincial Council to grant a certificate of fitness to Mr. [illegible] is a gross miscarriage of justice and

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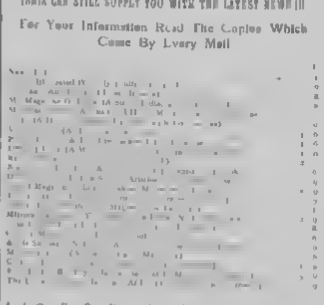
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None But Himself To Blame

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GENERAL SMUTS LOSES HIS BALANCE

UNION WILL NOT LEAVE CONTROL OF S.-W.A. SAYS SMUTS

GENERAL SMUTS last week flatly told the Trusteeship Committee of the United Nations that if the incorporation of South West Africa into the Union is not agreed to, South Africa will continue to administer the territory under its mandate from the League of Nations.

South Africa he said cannot submit to a trusteeship agreement in conflict with the clearly expressed wishes of the people of South West Africa.

General Smuts linked not against the Indian delegate's complaint of racial discrimination and strongly repudiated the Russian allegation that the annexation of the natives of the territory one not a link one.

Early in the incorporation proposal was vigorously attacked by Yugoslavia, the Ukraine, Poland White Russia and Cuba. The British delegate strongly supported South Africa and described the bringing of the question before UNO as another instance of General Smuts's practice of international co-operation.

After referring to the communal clashes in India, General Smuts said "One does not like to refer in painful matters but at least Indians should be the last persons to throw stones at others and make charges of racial discrimination and discrimination.

"Moreover the in the dialogue know well enough that if the present restrictions against Indian immigration into the Union were lifted, scores of thousands — nay hundreds of thousands of Indians — would be only too glad to escape from their own country and settle in the Union notwithstanding the discrimination alleged.

"I speak not in anger but in pain sorrow and I keep ignorant with India's suffering millions; but we have to collaborate for the people of South Africa.

"South Africa is still a peaceful well behaved and well-ordered country, free from those internal international conquerors, and it is the policy of the Union Government to keep it so.

"It is in general sunk cost ill those of social clash existing in South Africa, where in many races, colours and ministers come together that the Union is doing the best on fair ground and wise lines to keep the different elements, as much as unemotional and possible, apart and away from unnecessary intermixture, and so to prevent bloody affrays like those in India as much as we good of in other countries.

A Human Way Of Life

"We are honestly trying to find a human way of life in a racially mainly and universally mixed community where the different sections may lead alongside one another in peace and with cooperative goodwill.

The Union Government is confident that the Assembly will recognise the implementation of the wishes of the inhabitants of South West Africa in a manner both prescribed by the Charter and dictated by the best interests of the inhabitants themselves.

"It however this Assembly does not agree that the wishes of the inhabitants should be implemented no alternative is left to the Union Government but to abide by the declaration it made at Geneva and to continue to administer the territory as an integral part of the Union and to do so in the spirit of the principles laid down in its own mandate.

"I am to be heard in reply to the debate to this committee on the statement I made to it Especially do I claim the right to be heard in reply to allegations that have been made on behalf of the Indian delegation.

Indian Delegate's Indictment

It is significant that the speech of the Indian delegate (Sir Maharaj Singh) was an indictment not of native administration by the Union Government in South West Africa but in the country itself but of the Union's internal native policy in the Union itself. This is significant in showing that the Indian delegate might not make such a charge in relation to South West Africa.

"With the reports of the Mandates Commission runs a long series of years before him, he could find most material in them as which to base an attack on the Union Government in the most strong.

His hands, and all those concerned with the facts know that the Mandates Commission between 1920 and the outbreak of this war was no indulgent, well satisfied with the administration of South-West Africa. He has, therefore, none fit to go out of his way and attack the Union of South Africa on its internal native policy in the Union itself.

Know The Facts

I need not point out that the Great Powers at the Paris Peace Conference who entrusted the new mandate to the Union knew the facts and were well acquainted with the Union's native policy, and nothing in that policy debarred them from entrusting the mandate to South Africa.

They did not consider the South Africans unfit and so untrustworthy to be given the mandate as the Indian delegation now wonders them. Nor did the Mandates Commission on which South Africa was not represented consider them. If there is any weakness in the charge South Africa would surely never have received the mandate or annexed it, I hold it.

"The committee will prefer to follow the Great Powers and the Mandates Commission rather than the Indian Government, which has grievances of its own, quite apart from this matter against the Union of South Africa and which thus, is not a disinterested party

"I should however not pass by in silence the allusions made by the Indian delegate against the Union in its internal native policy. He spoke in a vehement, but presents an entirely prejudiced one-sided and distorted picture of the situation in the Union. This, perhaps, is based on ignorance in small on prejudice.

Did he ever visit the native territories? If he has neglected to tell the committee they are mainly self-governing units through their tribal institutions or through their own democratic self-chosen councils—such as the Bunga, the native Parliament of the United Transkeian Territories.

What Union Did For Natives

"He forgets to mention that the natives in the Union have their own elected representatives in the Union Parliament, who are mutually recognised as distinguish of protagonists of native interests and who have made an effective contribution in the protection of the welfare of their constituents.

"He forgets to mention that the Union is spending more money on native education than all the rest of the territories of Africa south of the Sahara put together

"In spite of the war years, Government expenditure on native education has more than quadrupled itself in the 10 years that have elapsed since the Indian delegate left the Union.

"Social services to natives are in advance of any other territory in Africa. No other territory makes available old age pensions, blind pensions in cability cases and poor relief on anything like the same applicable in the Union.

"In his allegations on the mainly provision of land to natives, the Indian delegate forgot, to mention that the native areas which are the areas of their forebears comprise the most fertile and richest reals in all in the country Many millions of pounds have been spent by the Government in purchasing additional land in regarding the needs of the native population which will make a total area equal in size to England and Wales.

"Fifteen million pounds has been allocated by the way, under communal lands main market municipalities in providing housing for them.

'All native children attending school receive a free meal each day Hospital and health services continue to multiply and a national health service is applicable to all races has been inaugurated

"Native students are being trained in doctors at the European University at the Witwatersrand and arrangements are being made to teach these young men as they qualify into posts in native health services in the native areas.

"The small European population who are the main taxpayers, carry willingly the very heavy financial burden in these providing for the advance and uplift of the native population the vast majority of whom are only just emerging from primitive African conditions of development.

"What is being done by South Africa in the interests of the communal and social progress of the native peoples will stand comparison with the best in what is being done anywhere in the whole African continent, or India.

"If it were otherwise—if the positions were as painted by the Indian delegate—why is it that thousands of natives flock to the Union every year from the neighbouring territories as far north as Nyasaland and Tanganyika, to the extent that the Union Government has been forced to seek and control this immigration in the interests of the natives in the Union

If the Indian delegate was minded to put before this committee the true picture of the state of affairs in the Union why did he suppress those most important material facts which I have mentioned? Indeed much more might be said on the point of the Union's native policy but the attack is so one-sided and misleading as irrelevant and obviously inspired by ulterior motives, that I refrain from further encroaching on your time.

Charge Of Discrimination

But there is one other charge made by the Indian delegate which is important enough to be referred to and replied to. It is the charge of discrimination and opposition between natives and Europeans, and as between natives and Europeans, and as between natives generally in the Union.

This charge comes with ill grace from a delegate speaking on behalf of India. In there a country in the wide world where there is more social discrimination between communities and classes than in Indian society? Has the delegate for India forgotten the 50 millions of depressed classes with all the social stigma and humiliation they have to endure—a phenomenon unknown in South Africa and in the rest of the world?

"Is the clash of communalism to be this, based on religious class distinctions, not the most terrible phenomenon in the contemporary world against which even Mahatma Gandhi has protested in the strongest terms and so far protested in vain?

Are these matters not going on at this very moment while India is savouring 'freedom' her own destiny? News out, in recent months, more than 5 000 been killed and more than 33,000 seriously injured and the most horrible and inhuman deeds perpetrated in these communal clashes!

Let no one try to distract and ignore one of our problems and discriminations as experienced in South Africa which if unusual may yet prove helpful to a world which is becoming more mixed in its population.

"We claim the sympathy of all serious onlookers and not the condemnation of the ill-informed.

"There is one other point arising out of this debate to which I wish to refer in order to clear away any possible misunderstanding.

"Some delegates appear to be under the impression that the Union Government raised the issue of South West African incorporation in the Union. We have however made it clear that we are submitting to the Assembly the wishes of the inhabitants of South West Africa in regard to the future of their territory.

We have gone on to the express terms of Paragraph 76 of the Charter which lays down as one of the objectives of the trusteeship system the progressive development of the peoples concerned towards self government or independence, and according to their freely expressed wishes.

Ascertained Their Wishes

"The Union Government has ascertained the wish of the inhabitants with perfect fairness and in the only way possible, and laid them before you. The Europeans voted in the Legislative Assembly and the natives expressed their views through normal native channels and organisations.

"The Europeans voted unanimously and the natives by a very large majority—in favour of incorporation of the territory in the Union. We support the wishes of the population of South West Africa and ask for their implementation.

"It has been suggested by the Soviet delegate that the native population did not have fully represented to them the boon they were called on to decide. This allegation I must refute most strongly as a reflection both on the probity of the officials who conducted the consultation and the Union Government.

"The consultation of the Soviet delegate that the Union Government can be compelled to color fate a trusteeship agreement over against its own views or ideas of the people concerned will not bear examination. There is nothing in the relevant clauses of the Charter to suggest such an interpretation nor was it in the minds of those who drafted those clauses.

Sir Maharaj Singh's Reply To General Smuts

In a statement circulated when the Trusteeship Committee met on November 14 the United States delegation said: "The United States wishes to associate itself with the views expressed by certain other delegations to the effect that the data before this Assembly does not justify as only by this Assembly approving the incorporation by the Union of South Africa of the mandated territory of South West Africa.

The first speaker of the day was Sir Maharaj Singh of India who said that he did not object to the substance of General Smuts's language the previous day.

"I feel that he must have been misled at the fact that the Addis delegation was the first to protest against his proposal to annex South West Africa," he said.

Sir Maharaj Singh said "I agree entirely with him in the isolated position in which he now finds himself. Only British has supported his statements.

Sir Maharaj said that a fact to which Sir [illegible] did not refer was that most of African figured in the list given in the Union's own statement of legislative and executive officers in South West Africa. The world does not forget that in 1922 bombs were dropped by the Union Government on the unfortunate inhabitants to quell a rebellion in South West Africa.

The part record of the Union Government in regard to the non-Europeans made rash and unjustifiable their exercise of complete sovereignty over the African peoples. In his visit to the Union he had never heard one word from one African in support of the Government's treatment.

"It is a striking fact which General Smuts committed to mention that very recently the Native Representative Council in view of their ineffective advisory status and in disgust at the unfulfilled pledges made by the Government, adjourned sine die as a protest and has threatened to resign," he said. As to Africans represented in the Central Legislature, I can assure that the Union Government dared to refer to it. The Africans have only seven representatives out of 800 in the Legislature and even these can only be represented by Europeans—and this in a population which is 78 per cent of the whole."

African education was initiated and was mainly conducted by missionary societies with the help of the Government grants and not by the Government which discharged it. "I need not say that the Government's expenditure on the education of more than 7 000,000 Africans in 1941 was £ 308 000 against £7,300,000 for 2,250,000 Europeans.

"Here I threw out a challenge to General Smuts and his delegation. Let a Commission of two Europeans, two Asiatics, two Natives from outside the Union and two Americans visit the Union and report on conditions of Africans in South Africa.

"Lastly while the Indian delegates together with millions of other Indians deplore and condemn the communal riots which are taking place in parts of India. It must be remembered that such outbursts are the result of independence passed through fiery struggles.

"In South Africa, too African races were driven from their lands by the Boers and British with great loss of life and property. Not many decades ago there was the Boer war which led to many casualties on both sides.

"Only this year, 1,245 Africans on Johannesburg mines were injured by police, while three were also done to death.

"As regards the same system and the depressed classes it is

REPLY TO SMUTS

MR. C RAJAGOPALACHARIAR a member of the Interim Government and a former Premier of Madras, described as cheap and misleading the statement by General Smuts before the Trusteeship Committee of the United Nations that Indians should be the last persons to bring up charges of class distinctions and discrimination against any other country.

In a statement he said "the orthodox Hindu social code recognised class distinction but the enlightened among us have consistently sought to remove these distinctions whereas General Smuts and his people are proud of their discriminations and do not propose to remove them. This makes the whole difference."

Stating that "the laws of India do not recognise the discriminations of the orthodox Hindu code Mr Rajagopalachariar pointed out that two men of the so-called untouchable castes were members of the Government of India today.

"General Smuts cannot claim that a similar position exists in South Africa. I hope on Americans, or others now assembled in New York, will be misled by what General Smuts has said.

In India we are actively endeavouring to evolve a democratic government in which all races, castes and creeds have an equal share. This is not the case in South Africa, he added.

TRADE RESTRICTIONS ON INDIANS IN RHODESIA

THE regular meeting of the Colony (S Rhodesia) Town Council was held on Thursday November 1 His Worship the Mayor (Cr S C Elliott) presiding.

The Town Clerk reported having received a petition from the Local Government Officer requesting that the Council should grant permission to Mr Gulcama Cr Coetzee submitted to his view that the Indians have a fair share of the trade. He had been visited by a deputation from the Indian section of the community and had informed them that in his opinion they had a fair share of the trade of the town and the deputation left him after admitting that they could show no real reason why they required further licences.

Cr Wood said he felt that the Council is not referring all Indians to the Commissioner for licences only He wasn't ready to refuse the Indian community that licences have been refused to Europeans as well and nothing was said when the Council had to refused then the Indian section immediately tries to make a major issue of the matter.

The Mayor pointed out that Council was bound by the Licences and Stamps Act which gives the Council unconditional powers and these powers must be exercised. He felt that the Council must be cautious in the granting of licences to Indians. He felt that he was being placed in a false position if he was to be compelled to consider licences against his judgment. He further suggested that the Council should refer to consider licences under the present Act.

Cr Deary thought that a strong letter should be sent to the Municipal Association pointing out that the Association has previously requested the revision of the Licences and Stamps Act but nothing has been done.

Cr Stewart was against any adoption of a defeatist attitude. He stated that the Council had the ratepayers interest at heart and they should not let the Council become beat, without worrying about representation.

Cr. Coetzee stated that he supported Cr Stewart's view and if the Minister was prepared to licence all he would try to protect the interests of the ratepayers. The Act was a bad piece of legislation and proper way was to get an amendment to the Act.

Cr Stewart moved that the Council should be asked to approach the Minister with a view to amending the Licences and Stamps Act which gives the Council unconditional powers and these powers must be exercised.

Cr Coetzee moved as an amendment that the Council should not refer to the Minister but should grant permission to Mr Gulcama to trade in the township of Umtali.

Cr Wood said he was prepared to withdraw his amendment in favour of the motion.

Cr Stewart's motion was then put to the meeting and carried by 9 votes to 3.

Cr Coetzee asked that his vote against the motion be recorded.

Senator W Robertson, of Canada, said "When it came to a detailed study of the proposed trade township agreements, Canada was in the main disposed to accept in good faith the proposals of measher Sinter who had been charged with the responsibility of administering those territories.

"To me, a hopeful sign is that those who have responsibilities for the administration of non-self governing territories have the courage and faith to submit their various proposals to this bar of world opinion.

"Let no nation's pride nation, let no encourage it rather than dim paragraph it let an enimity and objectivity land our counsel and advise to proposals that have been made and will be made."

The Syrian delegate said he would have to oppose the proposal. He had heard no reason in the Assembly to authorise what was simply an extension

NEWS IN BRIEF

Refuses Sale Of Land To South Africans

As a protest against the anti-Indian policy of the South African Government the Karachi municipal corporation decided not to sell municipal land for any South African European. The Council also resolved to put on sale all allotments to the city that South African whites will not be allowed to enter Karachi city

South East Africa

Pandit Nehru Vice-President of the Interim Government and Minister for External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations in the Central Legislative Assembly said: Government of India was not aware of any definite move by General Smuts to merge South East Africa with the Union. In fact the European section in East Africa had made that move on their own behalf. Pandit Nehru was replying to a question asking if he was aware of the enemy of an all-out drive from Cairo to Capetown and if he was aware of the fact that British Imperialists wanted to create a block of Africa from Cairo to the Cape. Pandit Nehru said "When the Member and I were both younger I heard of that. There is no doubt that such attempts are made by various groups and interests, but the present policies in British South East Africa officers are being made by European settlers to have a kind of subordination. This has been opposed mostly not only by the Indians in South East Africa but by the Arabs and Africans. They have fully opposed this and I they will oppose it still I have no doubt that any scheme which seeks to form the territory will get adopted in direction I suppose in answer South West Africa was an issue before the United Nations Organisation Assembly he added. Replying to another question Pandit Nehru said it was not East South Africa was at present directly under the British Colonial Office in India there had been rights of salary and of the position of citizenship and property rights and also a status similar to law as human beings. East Africa there is the East South Africa

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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Baroda, November 4.

PLUCKY STAND

AFTER reproducing the reply of the joint hon. secretary of the Natal Indian Congress to the Mayoral secretary of Durban, as the latest issue of *Harijan* Gandhiji remarks, "The Natal Indian Congress Executive is to be congratulated on the reply The Royal visit one evoke un feeling of joy among those who are fighting for their self respect in Africa in the making of which they have had no small share Let us hope that the Royal visit will be postponed to a more propitious time when the colour bar has become a thing of the past. Such self-denial on the part of their Majesties will be quite in keeping with the direction which the King and Queen recently hinted to substitute in the National Anthem the following new verses Not on this land God save us all.

How League Joined Govt.

The correspondence between the Viceroy and Mr Jinnah that was published last week reveals the demands made by Mr Jinnah and the replies given by the Viceroy Here are the points agreed to or otherwise (1) Total number of members of the Interim Government to be 14 (2) The responsibility for appointing Mr Jagjivan Ram, the Congress nominee as the Harijan Member, is the Viceroy's. (3) League's demand that the League should not include in the remaining 5 members of their quota a Muslim of their choice The Viceroy replied "I am unable to agree to this, Each party must be justly free to nominate its own representatives." (4) Demand for a communal veto. The Viceroy replied "In a Coalition Government it is impossible to exclude major matters of policy when one of the main parties is strongly against a course of action proposed My present colleagues and I are agreed that it would be fatal to allow major communal issues to be decided by vote in the Cabinet The efficiency and prestige of the Interim Government will depend on ensuring that differences are resolved in advance of Cabinet meetings by friendly discussions. A Coalition Government is distinguished by a process of mutual adjustment or does not work at all " (5) Demand in alternative or irrational viewpoints Not possible The Viceroy will nominate a League as Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Cabinet, of which he is the Chairman The post is a very important one (6) The Viceroy agreed to annul recent parties before filling a vacancy in any of the three [illegible] (7) Distribution of portfolios to be a matter for negotiations. (8) Agreed that these arrangements will not be altered unless both the major parties agree. (9) The question of the settlement of the long-term plan to stand over The Viceroy replies "Since the basis for participation in the Cabinet is, of course, acceptance of the statement of May 16, I assume that the League Council will meet at a very early date to reconsider its Bombay resolution ' Though the League Committee did not feel quite satisfied, it came to the conclusion that "in the interests of Musalmans and other countrymen, it will be fatal to leave the entire field of administration of the Central Government in the hands of the Congress '

Central Assembly

The Central Legislative Assembly agreed to the motion of the Finance Member approving India's continued membership of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for reconstruction and development. It also passed the motion of the Labour Member to refer to the Select Committee the Bill laying down conditions for the recognition of trade unions. An effort was made by the League members to get communal trade unions recognised, but there was stiff opposition from all the League members against it A virtual consolidation being injected into trade unions. There were a number of motions on the disorders in Bengal and elsewhere, but were ruled out after a statement by the Home Member, Sardar Patel, who said that debate would entail on the problems now the items called for notice, such action as would prevent the shocking and disgraceful happenings that had taken place. They must not suspect that vigorous and adequate steps would be taken to prevent their recurrence I can assure you all on behalf of the Government that whatever is possible will be done without any hesitation He added that, though he particularly refrained to Bengal, his remarks applied to all the Provinces

The Assembly And S.A.

There has been a lid-special satisfaction over India's initial victory at the UNO Gandhiji and Pandit Nehru sent cables congratulating the delegation, particularly Mrs Pandit and Mr Justice Chagla who, as Pandit Nehru observed in the Assembly "very ably conducted the legal part of the argument and won his point in spite of stout opposition. He expressed the Government of India's gratitude to the other nations who supported us, notably Soviet Russia, the U.S.A., China, Syria and others. He assured the House that all that could be done was being done with algum and added I hope the decision (in the UNO) will go in our favour or not, we shall stand by our countrymen in South Africa in the end. Replying to a question he said that the whole activity of the Government of India ever since the South African passive resistance movement started has been one of giving moral support to that movement This statement was greeted by the House with acclamation After giving some facts and figures relating to the movement he said the Government of India were not sending any circular to apply to the passive resisters but had taken up the whole case of our countrymen in South Africa in the UNO He might add that women were taking a prominent part in the movement was moved with admiration that [illegible] Many complaints were received had treatment given in prison, he added, but subsequently it was stated that the treatment had improved Mrs. Ammu Swaminathan, a member of the Central Legislative Assembly said at a women's meeting in New Delhi "We have every reason to be grateful to the Interim Government on selecting a woman to be the leader of this delegation It is a great thing that India, of all countries which is supposed to be backward, should send a woman as the leader of the delegation to the UNO We are all proud to learn how ably she pleaded India's cause." Her self-confidence on the part of Field Marshal Smuts, she added, "is my that it is a domestic issue Asiatics are not going to stand such treatment in any part of the world The problem is not solved to our satisfaction, it will become a menace to world peace

The Frontier Again

Few full and frank replies given by Pandit Nehru to questions in the Assembly revealed a number of facts about his Frontier tour "There is no doubt," he said, "that there was a great deal of violence during the course of my visit to the N.W.F.P and the tribal area This violence resulted in injury and damage. It was fortunate that the injury and damage was not great The matter is being inquired into." He also revealed that the Governor of the N.W.F.P had specially come to Delhi to suggest to him to postpone his visit at this stage "British Indian law or any other law applying to India does not prevail in the tribal areas. In the past these areas were more or less harmlessly sealed and nobody could enter without permits. These permits were given according to the likes and dislikes of the officers in charge. Very recently, however, a change in policy has been introduced allowing far greater freedom for people to go there and for them to come from there Roughly speaking in the tribal areas finally stopped within three or four days after the Interim Government came to know of them. The suggestion in the visit was made by senior officers of the External Affairs Department which deals with the tribal areas. There is no truth in the rumour that the Government of India in the near future proposes to annexe the tribal areas.

Ready To Fight For Freedom

About 43 tribal Maliks of the Mohmand tribe, in a letter to Pandit Nehru, have expressed their readiness to sacrifice their lives for the freedom of India along with other Indians. Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan (known popularly as Badshah Khan) has received two letters from Mahsud Laxabs of South Waziristan congratulating the Congress on forming the Interim Government and suggesting the raising of a representative body of Indesmen at Delhi for devising ways and means of establishing brotherly contacts with others in India Khwe Mahd. Yunus Khan, Secretary to Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan has received three letters including one from the Sa'ib of Ipkun which the Pathan writes "We have learnt about the Congress assuming power in India We are ready to come to terms with the Congress through our recognised representatives direct or and not through British agents who are trying to dominate us." In the second letter Maulvi Mahd Zakir Shah, principal of the Islamia College, Peshawar, has received the Pathan congress no account of their sufferings and losses during the past few years, he says We were not permitted to meet Pandit Nehru, Vice-President of the Interim Government. We cannot expect any sympathy and help from the Muslim League, but on the

other hand most of the Muslim Leaguers are friends of our enemies—the British. In the third latter religious heads of Wardaism have said "We are sorry to say we were not given facilities to meet Pandit Nehru and thus we were deprived of the opportunity of expressing our true feelings. Khan Abdul Ga'far Khan, speaking at a meeting of the Red Shirts, said We should not be too optimistic about our present position when a man like Pandit Nehru the Vice-President of the Interim Government could be classed in the ranks of an ordinary political agent. The British did not welcome the idea of his love manifest as they could fully realise that it would result in an increase of the Congress Party if the tribes) people joined us. The tribesmen in fact are all our brethren and what has happened as all due to the British Government but they may It has been of help to us It has awakened us It has taught us a lesson

Total War

All eyes are turned today towards East Bengal Gandhiji is in Calcutta. He has met the Governor, the Premier and many others. He has postponed his departure for Noakhali in the belief that he could be of some service in Calcutta. The Viceroy has made a special trip to New Delhi and got out of Tippetts District Four members of the Interim Government—Pandit Nehru Sardar Patel Mr Liaquat Ali and Mr Nishtar have flown to Calcutta. The Bengal Provincial Assembly Committee (a body approved by the Congress) is to-day in session. It is a unanimous declaration that happening merely as "lawlessness" or "communal disturbances." They are nothing short of a total war against the infantile community by the Ministry under its control and with officials of Muslim to collaborate in a ceaseless policy. The whole city community of the afflicted areas had three alternatives before it—to agree to conversion, to die, or to escape if it can."

It would be wrong to indulge the dream of the subversive deeds as goondas, says Gandhiji in the latest issue of *Harijan*. These perpetrators of wrong are undoubtedly misled by men who should know better. There is little wonder in the atrocities have taken place when such names as those mentioned below are said to be issued in the name of Muslims. In order to meet the mind of the common man in Islam must not only speak in its name but act accordingly and promptly. About abducted girls Gandhiji wrote "I have no doubt that girls forcibly abducted have committed no crime or incurred any sin. They deserve the pity and active help of every right-minded man. Such girls should be received back in their homes with open arms and affection and should have no difficulty in being suitably married.

In continues the League's deep-laid plot to fight the Muslim on all fronts until they get Pakistan. The consequence of shutting out all news will be terrible. We are concerned with civil war waged by the Muslim League to reduce the Hindus of Bengal to complete Pakistan as it is quite natural that the League should will all weapons to suppress their opponents, and this action is one of these weapons."

DICTATORSHIP OF A RACIAL GROUP

CALLING the developments in South Africa the 'Dictatorship Of A Facial Group' a new booklet was issued by the Indian Government replying to charges made in the booklet and memorandum issued earlier by the South African Government on the subject of the Indians in South Africa.

After dealing point by point with South Africa's arguments the Indian booklet says it is now up to South Africa to replace its unjust and discriminatory by racial discrimination and the point at issue before the General Assembly is whether it can allow a member state, which is in signatory to the Charter, to make the discrimination by a racial group the basis of its national policy.

The booklet says segregation is no solution to the problem which the Union of South Africa has set themselves to solve. It has been championed by the main statesmen of the statute of General Smuts and Mr Hofmeyr.

"The Indian Government claims that the policy of segregation and restrictions on the right of ownership and the occupation of property merely on grounds of race is a flagrant violation of the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter.

"The point is that such racial principles have been given the sanction of legislation and elevated to the national Government policy. Indeed, what is happening in South African amounts to the dominance of a racial group.

The booklet then deals at some length the with South African statement that 'viewed from the geographical perspective of southern Africa's racial issues this argument of Indian's becoming influenced with the presence of a large number of persons of Indian origin would become the preservation of the western or European civilisation on the sub-continent.

It says "the alleged danger of the communal influence being millions has neither existed in the past nor is it true at the present day.

"Furthermore not all Indians have an immigration of Indians but settlement in South Africa except wives and minor children of Indians already domiciled.

"In the light of these facts, it is only pertinent that it is the presence of the existing Indian population in South Africa which the Union Government now alleges it to be a menace to the true values of western European civilisation in South Africa."

The press have spread to other areas in Durban and Calcutta the situation became very serious—with loot, arson and murder as daily large scale. There has been retaliation of riots in Bombay and Ahmedabad with upsurge and unrest all over. The Bengal Cabinet has been placed fresh restrictions on the publication of news. The intention is the press communal Sir Nazimuddin Lal Sen a member of the Executive Council of the Viceroy in charge of the Home Department has issued a statement in which he says "I said that I was not at stake. Hindu culture and religion are in danger. A state of emergency exists and the time has come for the Hindus to unite, and to vitalise sources of help and succour, and to make effective and protection and self preservation." Khan Abdul Ga'far Khan has condemned the outrages in strong terms. Gandhiji published in *Harijan* statements by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Sheik Sadiq Hasan of Delhi, formal President of the All India Muslim Ahrar, and remarks. The value of these statements lies not so much in the numbers of Muslims supporting them but in the fact that these Muslims of undoubted standing have taken the line they have in condemning in no measured terms the nefarious deeds of the Muslims in East Bengal. The Viceroy broadcast from New Delhi an appeal for peace but people are more eager to know what things he has taken in exchange of his authority towards establishing peace 15 members of the Azad Hind Fauj now in Calcutta have offered their services to the Government of Bengal for the maintenance of peace and security in many possible ways in the district of Noakhali in a letter to the Chief Minister they say We pledged our all to unite to a legally constituted Government of Free India and to be law abiding citizens and servants of the entire Indian people. We do not belong to any political party in India. All the social and religious groups in India are represented in the Azad Hind Fouj. Many more members may join if the offer is accepted

'Worse Than Bengal Famine'

A charge by Patwari President elect of the Congress who inspired the local unrest in Noakhali District on last mid at a Press conference at New Delhi on October 29 that the East Bengal situation was worse than the last Bengal famine. He held that the Muslim League national propaganda was responsible for this and that the whole thing was pre-planned by League leaders in the hope that it would pay them in the long run. The Bengal Government he said should not try to minimise the gravity of the situation. It is the duty of the Government to give official figures of casualties and as far as was concerned, the report on was not how many the Hindi persons were killed but

'The press I wish the Government could come down speak about the situation in East Bengal in the case of the grave and stifling and Dr Syamaprasad Mookerjee. The Government has proved themselves hopelessly liars and not impartial. It is understood says Ralph Izzard the correspondent of The Calcutta from *Daily Mail* (London) and a despatch from Calcutta that Indian pandits produced an all burnished text at that time by Sir Frederick Burrows Indian legal representative in Bengal was made Sir Frederick

how the Government allowed all that to happen. In the town the population was evenly balanced, and the fact that disturbances took place only in the villages proves that they were pre-planned. Outside goondas came to the villages and excited the population which consisted mainly on conversions and forcible marriages. Up to October of the League leaders had visited the affected areas and even the Ministers who visited were only in Comilla and Noakhali and not in the villages. In the area he visited he met a large number of converted people they were sorry for having been converted and are not happy about the conversion in the form of Umgens that they received at the hands of Muslims after conversion.

The Bengal Muslim League criticised Acharya Kripalani's statements as "not only unfortunate but most irresponsible for his great position. The Acharya in a statement issued from New Delhi on the 22nd, replying to the criticism, says "Let an impartial inquiry be instituted and the truth ascertained. If then my statements are found to be incorrect, I shall make unqualified amends. If my statements are unfounded, the best way of contradicting them is to state the other side. My chief fault are confined to East Bengal. I would like to know if the Hindus in that area indulged in murder, loot, abduction, forced conversion, and forced marriages. The public would like to have some instances of them. In the absence of instances I am unconvincing to call my statements unfounded.

Light In Darkness

Riots have taken place in Chopra and the Patna District of Bihar. The Congress Government of Bihar have taken prompt steps, and the situation is under control. But I am meditating this for the sake of a little news item which comes as a ray of light in darkness. An A.P.I. message from Ranchi dated October 30 says: "Sama and Gopalganj Sub-Divisions are quiet. It is reported that the local populace is giving protection to members of the other community who are attacked by their co-religionists from outside. In one village in Saran District the Hindu residents refused to give up their Muslim co-villagers and successfully warded off an attack. A number of them lost their lives. Similarly in another village in the Muslims were rescued by Hindu Dwarkanath how by whom their lives until armed police arrived

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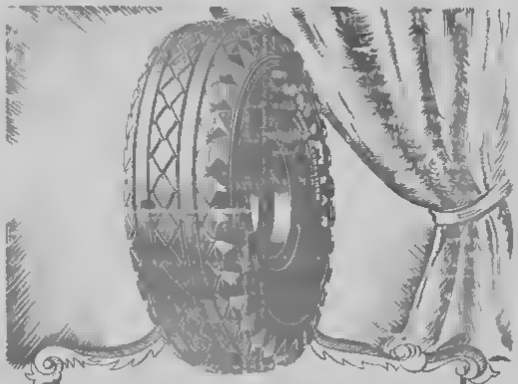
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General Smuts's Poor Defence

THE Indian community of South Africa appreciates with profound gratitude the work of the Indian delegation on their behalf. The question is still in the melting pot and it is to be sincerely hoped that the efforts of all those who are fighting for the cause of the oppressed people will be crowned with success.

General Smuts, we are afraid, is fighting a losing battle. His defence of the Union Government's Asiatic policy in particular and non European policy in general before the bar of the world opinion, could not have been weaker. If still he succeeds it will we fear be the failure of that nagest body in whom the weaker peoples of the world have placed their faith It will have reduced itself to the level of the League of Nations which has so hopelessly failed in being peace in the making world. It, on the other hand the United Nations Organisation rises to the occasion and deals justly with the great cause before it, it will receive the blessings of millions of oppressed people of the world

The intervention General Smuts has now given to human value, of which he has spoken eloquently so often during the War years has made these values dwindle almost to nothing He has talked of Indians in South Africa having the freedom of conscience the freedom of speech and the freedom of consequent. Yes, it cannot be denied that we have the freedom to live. But surely that is not the freedom for which the last great War was fought That is not the freedom for which General Smuts has so often made eloquent appeals to the European youth to rise That is not the freedom for which the Brave fought so gallantly during the Boer War That freedom is enjoyed by cats and dogs and they are treated better by their European masters than non European human beings. Surely General Smuts should know that that is not the freedom for which we are fighting, for which our men and women are languishing behind prison walls and are making tremendous sacrifices. Our fight is for the right to live as "self-respecting human beings." Will General Smuts say that we are today enjoying that right in South Africa? A perusal of the various Union Acts affecting Asiatics, will falsify that claim and the climax has been reached with the passing of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act. "What doth it profit a man who gains the whole world but loseth his own soul. Why does General Smuts not realise that whatever South Africa may give or may have given us is worthless if we have been deprived of our soul and that is what the Union Government has done to the present instance.

Indians says General Smuts, are Union nationals and they have no right to look to India for help Would that that were true For we Indians really Union nationals! Union nationals have all civic rights. What civic rights have Indians? A Natal would become a Union national and could enjoy all the civic rights in South Africa. Foreigners today enjoy civic rights in South Africa but the Indians do not How then can General Smuts say that we are Union nationals? True, over eighty per cent. are born in South Africa and know no other home but South Africa. But still they are not Union nationals. Who then are they to look to for justice if not to their Motherland or to the civilized world?

It is no uphill fight for Indians in South Africa Both men and women have shown great courage, and greater courage and greater sacrifices will yet be needed for the vindication of our national honour and self-respect. Our case before UNO may or may not succeed. Our faith is in the righteousness of our cause and we have to surrender ourselves to Him who rules the destiny of all living beings. We are safe in His keeping Let Him guide us in the right path and bestow upon us the strength and courage to pass through the present ordeal

THE NEED OF THE MOMENT

By L. W. RITCH

THE "Great War" goes grimly on Not so much the clash and clamour of great guns, (although, these, too, are still being busily employed) as the age-old struggle between the opposing forces of harmony and discord, unity and separateness, righteousness and unrighteousness, brotherliness and unbrotherliness. To some, these issues are known as Sunic and Asuric respectively, to others, as the forces of good and of evil.

In and through us human these opposing forces find expression as right thought—desire, as so wrong desire—thinking making on the one hand, (as the growing recognition of man's "Kindness" and the obligation of service due by individuals of peoples to the greater whole of which each is an integral part, or on the other hand, to inflated egotisms, pride and prejudices, fear of possessions, hates and enmities and all that makes for separateness, passions, strifes and disruptions In the language of modern science these latter centrifugal as contrasted, in the language of religion, good words as dushwark.

Man of goodwill and understanding perceive that the only hope of establishing within the human family conditions favourable to real peace and prosperity lies in what the sages of old termed "surrender," "renunciation," "sacrifice" "forgoing" Reduced to its simplest formulae this means, firstly a recognition that each of us is, in truth and fact, his brothers Keeper secondly, that selfish exploitation eventually entails not profit but loss to the exploiter; thirdly, best promoted by co-operative service that our general welfare and progress are under the most favourable conditions for individual initiative, on which each contributes to the whole the best of which he is capable

Not of course that these things are new and in themselves On the contrary, they are but preliminary though indispensible steps in man's progress towards something incomparably higher than earthly peace and comfort. Man cannot "live and move on "by bread alone" nor yet can arose pleasures and what is great sage calls the amusing the mind has fashioned and may use

Man's good sense is great in man's real self any more than are his hands and feet They are organs and instrument which he has to learn to control and employ wisely and of set purpose In the course of his evolut ionary progress man has to become the ruler, not slave At present the great majority o us are their slaves.

Now in the dispassionate "spectator of the prehistoric drama as presently being enacted, it is obvious that the struggle between the forces of progress and inaction has reached a very subtle and advanced stage indeed Whether we look to the East or the West to North or south we cannot fail to be impressed with the violence of their impact

The U S A provides the latest spectacle. There where the "almighty dollar" has so long secured supreme and dollar controlled "democracy," "freedom," "enterprise" has become a very real menace we find the power that makes for unselfishness most strongly entrenched and active. For what is America a "purged and purified land" but one in free and unrestricted private enterprise" means a public on human for all and it was the satan e gospel of "each for himself and the devil take the hindermost" The recent U S A elections certainly suggest that there is at least the

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was however upon those most richly endowed whether spiritually intellectually or with worldly wealth And this service of each to the whole was to be rendered in a spirit of unselfish sacrifice to the Supreme Lord of all to whom all live moves and have being

It is not difficult to see the correspondence between the "Gita" ideal, and that graphically detailed in Bellamy's "Looking Backward," as reflecting the "newer and better order" of the modern idealist

Mankind's most urgent need at the moment is then a correct and true appraisement of values an understanding of the things that really matter instead of its worship of material things As we think, so we become, and right thinking comes only with right understanding—an understanding of man's essential being, the purpose for which he exists the goal it is his to reach and the steps he must take to reach it. Fascination and extravagant as it may perhaps appear, in the "practical" mentered last type of mind this, nevertheless, is the only way. Hankering with externals and non-spirituals can amount to no more than enslaving in a vicious circle. Reformation comes only as a result of suppression and real peace must continue to elude us as long as we think and desire in terms of conflict.

(Quit India" resolution.)

Speaking on the monument in 1942," which he described on a year of storm suffering and sacrifice, he said: Those officers, British and Indian who were responsible for atrocities must be called to the parade, must not escape punishment."

Pandit Nehru called the situation at the Provincial Ministries in this matter and said he wanted the Viceroy also to take note of it.

The British in India talked of quitting India, but at the same time they plotted to impede India's programme. "But they are not the only enemy," he added." We have enemies in our camp. We must weed out corruption and defeat those enemies to the final struggle for India's liberation.

Saying the comm officials must wedded to bygone and obsolete methods Pandit Nehru added that British officers in particular looked to the Muslim League for sympathy and militarization.

"They see in affect members of the Muslim League Both the League and British servicemen still live in a mediaeval age mentally "

DURBAN INDIANS WELCOME DR. NAICKER AND MR. NAIDOO

At a mass meeting organised by the Natal Indian Congress on Sunday to welcome back Dr G M Naicker and Mr. M. D Naidoo, who have recently been released from gaol for passive resistance activities, Dr Naicker president of the Natal Indian Congress, said he felt intoxicated with his reception after the Asiatic like atmosphere at gaol.

The united people of India to be the slaves of White masters They are on the march said Dr Naicker commenting on the action of passive resisters, which would be a test for UNO

After appealing for money towards the £20 000 fund to run passive which a sum of £10,000 has already been collected, Dr Naicker said it was an insult to expect Indians to celebrate the visit to the Union of the King and Queen.

Mr M D Naidoo, secretary of the Natal Indian Congress, said General Smuts had set a pitiable and poor figure at UNO.

Resolutions

The meeting passed the following resolutions —

The Indian community of Natal salutes the two national leaders, Dr G. M Naicker and Mr. M. D Naidoo on their release from jail after serving the heaviest term of imprisonment suffered by resisters in the present struggle and congratulates them for their courage in which they have led the first batch of volunteers to Gale Street, where they in company with their fellow resisters set a noble example of courage and determination to resist in the face of cowardly assaults, tears and beatings by members of a race which claims to be the trustees of modern civilisation in this country This meeting is welcoming these leaders born among their people all in the faith, determination and unity of the Indian community in this historic passive resistance struggle in which more than fourteen hundred brave men and women of an community have already served imprisonment on a protest against the Ghetto Act and reiterates its pledge to continue the struggle with greater vigour and intensity under the leadership of the Joint Passive Resistance Council of the Natal and Transvaal Indian Congresses until the battle is won

The Indian community of Natal is overwhelmed with pride at the courageous and able manner in which their case for human rights and the abolition of colour discrimination in South Africa, is being presented by the Indian delegation at UNO, and wishes to place on record its utmost appreciation of the support for their just cause from the Russian, Chinese, Egyptian, Peruvian, French United States, Arabian Latin American and other delegations at UNO

This mass meeting unanimously condemns the action of the Union Government in deporting, after imprisonment, Mr J N Singh member of the Transvaal Passive Resistance Council from the Transvaal to Natal, and the threatened deportation of Mr. Chetan Amra, secretary of the Cape Passive Resistance Council from the Cape to Natal solely on the ground of their nationality

Passive Resisters Sentenced

The total number of passive resisters sentenced to imprisonment is now 1443

SARDAR PATEL AND NEHRU CRITICISE BRITISH POLICY

"I will put in understandable terms the British Government is on the Moslem side," said Sardar Patel home president of the Indian National Congress at Meerut (United Provinces on Sunday November 24

The British and Moslems were like Indians need hardly and now that the British know they could not possibly stay in India longer they wanted to help their friends the Moslems.

We can break this Government said Sardar Patel, but we shall break it only after blankets on the face of the British every where.

Referring to the Calcutta riots, Mr Patel said he had hoped that when those who had started the killing had the balance sheet before them they would realise that I weighed did not pay But as re bloodshed and other crimes had started in East Bengal it was not this week or headlines, but was a game played to achieve political ends.

Mr Patel when was frequently cheered, appealed to God's name for an end to the disturbances, which were bringing India's name into disrepute.

"Whatever you do, do it by the method of peace and love," he said, "You may succeed But the sword will be lost by the sword. Pakistan (a separate Moslem State) can not be achieved by the sword or bloodshed '

"We have an intention of leaving the Government," he said Recalling the statement of Sir Stafford Cripps Sir Frederick Pethwick Lawrence and Mr. A. V. Alexander, that India had attained almost full independence, he said that this independence had only given Indians freedom to kill each other The Government had witnessed the killing in Calcutta, and they merely stated that the Ministry had full power to deal with the situation ' but the Bengal Ministry did nothing and people took the law into their own hands.

Pandit Nehru, vice-president of the Interim Government denounced punishment for the British and Indian officers concerned in the 1942 troubles. (In 1942 Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru and other Congress leaders were arrested after the famous Quit

S. A. INDIAN QUESTION BEFORE U.N.O.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT'S CASE—UNION GOVERNMENT'S REPLY

MRS VIJAYA LAKSHMI Pandit, head of the Indian delegation speaking at the joint meeting of the Political and Legal Committees of the United Nations at New York on Thursday, November 21, as the treatment of Indians in South Africa, said: "The issue is a political and not a legal one—it is not even as items between the two countries alone, but possibly a world issue.

"The Government of India submit that their dispute with South Africa is a matter for discussion and disposal by the Assembly because the legislation to which they object offends the purposes of the Charter. They submit that the Assembly is competent because the law to which they object has imparted the friendly relations between two member States.

"It has been urged that alien conditions in India are worse than anything that exists in South Africa. Indians should not complain of the provisions of the Land Tenure Act, which are designed to arrest the racial tensions that may endanger the peace of all communities.

"Comparisons with the cruel lines in India is profoundly misleading. In India we are doing everything to our power to remove, as rapidly as possible, the social evils which are the inheritance of the past. Neither in India nor in Ireland would opinion do we seek to justify this. In the Union, what is being done is the reverse process, legalising difficulties which, with us, never had the force of law.

"The legal argument that the Government of the Union of South Africa is competent to legislate for any class of its nationals without interference does not dispose of the fact that the legislation in question has resulted in the severance of relations between India and South Africa. Inasmuch as the cause of the dispute is racial its repercussions will extend beyond South Africa and India.

"It has been suggested that what happens in the Indians in South Africa is exclusively the concern of the Government of the Union. The Government of India do not contend that the Indian people in South Africa are not South African Nationals but they have a moral and political obligation towards their people.

"They and the Indians of those Indians in those African on the clear understanding that the original immigrants and their descendants would enjoy equality of opportunity and rights with any other class of South African citizens.

"Their whole effort has been directed against the extension of existing, or the imposition in South Africa of new disabilities.

"This is not merely a matter of national pride, important though that is. Segregation, in our view, is the denial of an elementary human right—the right of an individual to own and occupy property according to his inclination and means."

Union Government's Reply

Speaking on behalf of the Union Government, General Smuts said:

I wish to take preliminary objection to consideration by the General Assembly of the complaint of the Indian Government against the treatment of Indians in South Africa.

The complaint by the Government of India about the treatment of Indians in South Africa raises two issues—not of fact, of the facts

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It would seem that the Charter proceeds from the fundamental principle that no State is allow[illegible]

If it does it places itself in the wrong by its failure to respect the independence and territorial sovereignty of the other States and becomes a delinquent State namely a State which the machinery of the Organisation is designed to control.

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a large extent been devised to protect and safeguard them for the more backward sections of an oppressed community

The restriction on the acquisition and occupation of immovable property has not left Indians without homes, or dwellings or land. In trade they are enjoying their fair share in a very full measure. The opportunities open to them in the liberal professions are more ample than their present supply

Capetown Agreement

Reference has been made to the so-called Capetown Agreement of 1927 between the Government of India and the Union Government and the 'Joint memorandum' issued by those Governments in 1932

These were not in any means instruments giving rise to treaty obligations What the respective Governments set out in the correspondence which resulted in these instruments was not to enter into any treaty but merely to formulate mutually acceptable policies to be carried out voluntarily in friendly co-operation towards a solution of a problem essentially within the domestic domain of the Union but in which the Government of India claimed to have interests of responsibility

It was not even then what is known as a gentlemen's agreement with no legally binding force in international law This has all since been fully and clearly made perfectly clear by the Government of the Union of South Africa and has always been recognized at these conferences and thereafter by the Government of India

In placing their case before you the Government of India have not limited themselves to the immediate cause of their recent ill-treatment but have made a very exhaustive research for matters which have for many years served to form the subject of debate between that Government and the Government of the Union

Among these we find, for instance, the Immigration Act of 1913 and the Mines and Works Amendment Act of 1926 These now re-established in live issue before this Assembly Others such as the Marriage Laws of the Transvaal dating from 1897 are now raised for the first time. The Assembly is therefore confronted with the much wider question in how far it will allow issues which had come to rest long before it was established to be revived and drawn into the arena of international disputes.

In my submission this Assembly would not wisely be diverted into the revival of such quarrels by resorting to matters such discussion before the General Committee.

Determination of the question whether or not any such is not bearing on the citizens success of this Organization the future of which will betray an ill. that would be failing to my duty not only to my own country but more particularly in this Organization if I did not urge upon you the advisability of basing it determined by the most authoritative legal body recognized by this Organization—the International Court of Justice

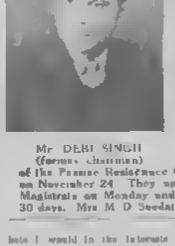
While I do not formally move a motion at this stage of the debate I would see no objection to the case being fully discussed

South Africa would at least submit the Joint Committee to make more intimate acquaintance with the facts at issue and would welcome the Joint Council be better to judge whether or not the matter is one falling essentially within the jurisdiction of the Union of South Africa.

General Smuts ended by asking that the speech be recorded verbatim in the UNO proceedings.

Indian Reply To SA

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Mr DEBI SINGH
(former chairman)
of the Passive Resistance Council who were arrested on November 24 They appeared before the Durban Magistrate on Monday and were sentenced to £3 an 30 days. Mrs M D Seedat was among those sentenced



Mr M P NAICKER
(secretary)

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bote I would in the interests more especially of the Organization itself urge that serious consideration be given to the advisability of having an authoritative opinion from the International Court as the interpretation of Article Two clause seven of the Charter

The widest aspects of the case of the Indian Government now before you have much larger implications than the present disagreement between the two Governments They affect the very basis of UNO and the inspirations on which our hopes of peace are built.

Interference by UNO in the domestic affairs of member States is bound to lead to additional obstacles for the Organization and for the peace of the world There is no desire on the part of South Africa to admit the dissension on Indian affairs.

Perhaps there is something to be said for its full ventilation Consequently without admitting the right of the United Nations to intervene in this matter I would see no objection to the case being fully discussed

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Legal and Political Committees at New York on November 9 Mr Pandit the counsel had come to hear Mrs Pandit's reply to the speech made the previous day by Mr Hendrik Nicholls.

Mrs Pandit said the issue was whether Western civilization was to be based on racial supremacy or whether Colour barriers were to be broken down

There were about 4,000 Indian children of school-going age in South Africa without a single facilities. They were told that there was no Colour bar We are told that Natives are debarred or kept out of Judge of the Supreme Court. Not a single Native Asiatic lives in South Africa. There are no Native judges and no Native parliamentarians even Chiefs of a Caste."

Towards the end of her speech Mrs Pandit waved a telegram from Indian women of Natal congratulating the Indian delegation on its efforts. It had been sent to the mill, by the women's Indian committee of the Natal Indian Congress.

Mr Grenville (U S S R) said he would support India. South Africa's attitude was not a proper one and its argument were not convincing. South Africa had violated both the Capetown Agreement and the Charter

The Soviet delegation feels that the proposal to refer the matter to the International Court was fundamentally and contrary to the provisions of the Charter and the Statute of the International Court itself.

M. Vasi Sirgi (Turkey) supported the proposal that the matter be referred to the International Court of Justice.

Dr J van Rooijen (Netherlands) said there was little doubt that there was discrimination against Indians in South Africa, but the immediate question was whether in spite some unwanted intervention by the United Nations in the internal affairs of the matter, in the International Court, has wanted the Court also to consider whether treaty obligations had been broken

The Netherlands delegation suggested the South African proposal unsatisfactory and unconvincing, and full search for it should be given to the South African delegation and its chairman he said.

America Supports India's Complaint

The India League of America has sent a telegram urging the United States delegation of UNO to back vigorously India's complaint about the treatment of Indians in South Africa. The telegram is signed by the author Pearl Buck by the Vice President of the American Federation of Labour Mathew Woll and by other prominent people. The telegram asserts that such peaceful flouting of the human rights of nationals and the decrements of any member of the United Nations by another member of the United Nations is a serious violation of the Charter of the United Nations. In the telegram the League demands that the United States should take vigorous action to prevent a continuation of this violation. The Indians in South Africa have been subjected to racial discrimination and deprivation of elementary human rights. The situation is serious that friendly relations between India and South Africa are seriously threatened"

OUR INDIA LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Bombay November 11

TO BIHAR

GANDHIJI'S stirring appeal, coupled with resort to low diet—i.e. giving up of milk and bread—as a penance, and a unique to fast unto death if the erring Biharis did not turn over a new leaf, the personal tours and appeals of Pandit Jawahar lal Nehru Rajendra Prasad and Acharya Kripalani and the use of military troops, have brought peace to riot-stricken Bihar. The Prime Minister of Bihar had struck a note of warning in a communication to the Viceroy that, if the riots in East Bengal were not put down with a strong hand, he would find it well nigh impossible to keep peace and order in his own province. Bihar riots came as a retaliatory measure. But in contrast to Noakhali, which on prominent Leaguer leader has visited till now, the Congress leaders (Maulana Azad and Shri Jayaprakash Narain were also in Bihar) put aside all work rushed to the stricken area, moved from place to place, spoke at a large number of meeting in villages. The Congress Government also did everything possible, and brought the situation under control. "A bad act of one party is no justification for a similar act by the opposing party more especially when it is rightly proud of its longest and largest political record," said Gandhiji in his appeal to Bihar. "Is counter communalism any answer to the communalism at which Congress have aroused the Muslim League? Is it an incitement to such barbarously to wash the insolence per sonal of the Muslims in Bihar? I am afraid, if the misconduct in Bihar continues, all the Hindus al India will be condemned by the world Bihari Hindu owe a bounden bound to repair the calamity Muslims in their brethren requiring protection against the vast majority of Hindus. Let not Bihar which has done so much to raise the prestige of the Congress, be the first to dig its grave. . What you are reported to have done will never count as an act of bravery For thousands to do to death a few hundreds is an bravery It is worse than cowardice. It is unworthy of nationalism, of any religion. If you and groups a blow against a blow, an one would have dared to point a finger against you. What you have done is to degrade yourselves and degrade Indian. I'm asked them to repent of your inhumanity and assure them that Muslims as in much your care as your own brethren or sisters. You should not rest till every Muslim refugee has come back to his home which you should undertake to rebuild and ask your Ministers to help you to do so. After speaking at the penance and the fast he concluded by saying "Let us not be anxious for me. I am like all of us to God's keeping. Nothing will happen to me as long as He wants service through the present tabernacle."

Congress Leaders In Bihar

Let me recapitulate briefly the events of the week. The four members of the Interim Government, to whom still to Calcutta I referred in my last



The Late Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya whose death was announced by All India Radio last week with his son Pandit Govind Malaviya.

letter issued a joint appe l from Calcutta on November 3 in which they said Much has happened in the unrest past which has degraded Indian humanity and shamed us before others Whatever our differences might be, none of us should tolerate acts which degrade and brutalise our people That ignoble method brings no solution, and on that basis we can build an edifice of freedom They pleaded most earnestly for a cessation of this violence and for a return to the methods of peace On their way back in Delhi Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel stayed on at Patna addressed several meetings, and the keenness announced his intention not to move out of Bihar till the riots were over It is in spite of every effort to the contrary in certain parts of Bihar is terrible, and I can hardly believe that human beings can behave so. We have left it us and to this moment to me intely." "If you want to kill a Muslim you must kill me first and proceed to do whatever you choose after marching over my dead body," he said at a village. "If the slayers did not repent for their acts and behave properly he added. "the Government would not show any mercy in wards them, and they could be hired upon and bombed from the aeroplanes" He repeatedly asked his audience at every meeting to give him the assurance that they would give adequate protection to the Muslims even at the cost of massacring their all Everywhere the crowds took his rebuke silently, and at several places shouted the slogan Hindu Muslim ek ho at the end of his speech The Defence Member Sardar Baldew Singh visited both Calcutta and Patna And a message from Patna dated November 5 said: "Mr Q Ansari, Bihar Minister for P W D who toured extensively in Disapur Sub-division found that a large number of villages had formed joint defence parties of Hindu and Muslim residents as a precaution against outside aggression. In Village Sarai, where a large each of Muhajirs attempted to raid the village, the Hindus de ad after the Muslim villagers to come to their aid, and harassed by fought and drove away the miscreants mutual confidence was so enabled all over this area that the Muslims refused an offer to be escorted to Ansari meetings which the P W D Minister attended the Hindus took a solemn pledge to protect their ex gh bours against all danger" Flooding against the appeals Acharya Kripalani said in a statement from Patna "As a Hindu and as an Indian I can ask and that any co-religionists and country can should be be-

to Islam—a threat which is uttered at and on but has not materialised and today herring the very small following of Dr Ambedkar an Harijan wishes to leave the fold of Hinduism Pandit Nehru on November 4 informed Gandhiji by wire that the report that several thousand persons were killed in the disturbances in Bihar, was exaggerated Ba, however, added that the situation was grave, and that the Prem Minister of Bihar was doing his best to bring it under control. Thousands of leaflets containing the several appeals for peace were dropped from the air Pandit Nehru said in a press statement from Patna issued on November 3 "What has happened and is happening in certain parts of Bihar is terrible, and I can hardly believe that human beings can behave so. We have left it us and to this moment to me intely." "If you want to kill a Muslim you must kill me first and proceed to do whatever you choose after marching over my dead body," he said at a village. "If the slayers did not repent for their acts and behave properly he added. "the Government would not show any mercy in wards them, and they could be hired upon and bombed from the aeroplanes" He repeatedly asked his audience at every meeting to give him the assurance that they would give adequate protection to the Muslims even at the cost of massacring their all Everywhere the crowds took his rebuke silently, and at several places shouted the slogan Hindu Muslim ek ho at the end of his speech The Defence Member Sardar Baldew Singh visited both Calcutta and Patna And a message from Patna dated November 5 said: "Mr Q Ansari, Bihar Minister for P W D who toured extensively in Disapur Sub-division found that a large number of villages had formed joint defence parties of Hindu and Muslim residents as a precaution against outside aggression. In Village Sarai, where a large each of Muhajirs attempted to raid the village, the Hindus de ad after the Muslim villagers to come to their aid, and harassed by fought and drove away the miscreants mutual confidence was so enabled all over this area that the Muslims refused an offer to be escorted to Ansari meetings which the P W D Minister attended the Hindus took a solemn pledge to protect their ex gh bours against all danger" Flooding against the appeals Acharya Kripalani said in a statement from Patna "As a Hindu and as an Indian I can ask and that any co-religionists and country can should be be-

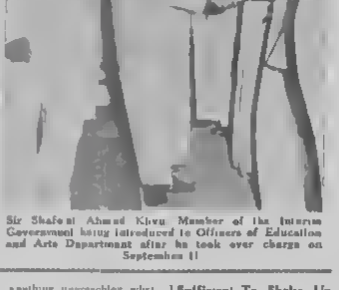
frayed into reprisals. Minorities should be the major charge of the majority community, if for nothing else, because they are helpless. Pandit Nehru, Babu Rajendra Prasad and Acharya Kripalani toured extensively in the affected areas, and spoke at numerous meetings with the result that the situation is now under control and is returning to normal. Babu Rajendra Prasad pointed out the agony of his heart when he said it was of the meetings "I do not want to say that what happened in East Bengal or elsewhere can be stopped. But the people in Bihar cannot have the least way to say that their brethren had been wronged in Bengal, because they themselves been disgraced the previous by retaliating. Do not blacken the name of Bihar further by being responsible for the death of Mahatma Gandhi who will surely not waive from his resolve to fast unto death if you do not desist even now from acts of lawlessness."

No Communal Rupture in C P

Contradicting Mr Jinnah's statement, referred in above, to on far as it mentioned C P along with other Provinces, Seth Govind Das, the C P Hindu and a member of the Central Assembly, said: "Mr Jinnah's information regarding Jubbulpore is completely wrong and misleading. It is my heart town, and I have the honour to state that the scenes which used to be witnessed some thirty and forty years ago i.e., before the birth of the Muslim League, have been revived there as a result of the untiring efforts and good offices of both the communities, particularly of Maulana Burhanul Haq Saheb, President of the District Muslim League. The last Id and Dushera celebrations were a unique sight to the general atmosphere of tension in the country.

Gandhiji For Noakhali

During one of his post prayer sermons during his stay at Calcutta Gandhiji said that to make peace between quarrelling parties had been his vocation from his early youth. Even while he practised as a lawyer, he used to bring the contending parties together. Why could not the two communities be brought together? Even then he wanted only that help—(to that he was appealing to every Indian living in or outside India)—that they should pray with him that this mutual slaughter might stop and the two communities might become one in heart. He was only echoing the sentiment expressed to him by a prominent Muslim who had seen him. This friend had said that he must reach our good brothers it might be—Pakistan divided India—without bloodshed or fighting. I go so far as to say that if it cannot be reached except through bloodshed and fighting amongst themselves I do not want reaching. Hindustan to a Muslim and who asked why he was born, to Nankhali and not to Bombay Ahmedabad or Chhapra Gandhiji said he made no distinction between Hindu and Muslim. He would certainly have gone straight to any of the places mentioned by the friend if anything approaching what had happened at Noakhali had happened there and if he felt that he could do nothing with out being on the spot. It was the cry of outraged womanhood that had peremptorily called him to Noakhali. He felt he would had his bearings only on hearing things for himself at Noakhali. His technique of non violence was as trial. It remained in its case how it would answer in the face of the present crisis. If it had no virility—it were better that he himself should declare his insolvency. He was not going to leave Bengal until the last ember of the trouble were stamped out. I may stay on here for a whole year or more. If necessary, I will die here. But I will not acquiesce in failure. If the only effect of my presence in the flesh is to make people look up to me in hope and expectation which I can do nothing to vindicate, it would be far better that my eyes were closed to death." He had mentally prepared himself, he added, for abstention from the Congress session if necessary. He had similarly disengaged himself mentally from all his temporal liabilities in respect of Sevagram and Urali his latest love



Sir Shafaat Ahmad Khan, Member of the Interim Government being introduced to Officers of Education and Arts Department after he took over charge on September 11

'Sufficient To Shake Up The Dead"

Interviewed on his arrival at Calcutta on the 2nd Pandit Nehru "I have never been silent in my life when I felt strongly as I have been during the last few weeks. If anybody has mistaken my silence they do not know me. What has happened in other parts of India and the more so in East Bengal has been so ghastly that it is sufficient even to shake up the dead. I am not dead. I am very much alive.

Miss Muriel Lester, the London hostess of Gandhiji during his R.T.C. visit in 1931, who toured the rural areas of Noakhali writes to a request of her to "I write from Dawasji Rari Relief Centre in East Bengal. It is a private home that has given food, shelter and a sense of security to thousands during the last few weeks. Each of these refugees had a sorry experience to relate. But the worst of all was the pitiful of women. Several of them had in sight their husbands being murdered and then be forcibly converted had married in one of these responsible for them death. These women had a dead look. It was not despair—nothing so active as that. It was utter blankness. They gazed straight in front of them with no expression of consciousness, no emotion at all. Several had been wounded. They had struggled to hold them away. But it was to very limited workers and official visiting villages to rescue women who had been taken as brides into Muslim households. And it had to get them out. They have been warned that their whole family will be killed if they do not assure the officials that they prefer their new homes to old ones. Eating of beef and declaration of allegiance to Islam have been forced upon many thousands as a price of their lives. Local speculations as to the cause of the trouble are varied. Perhaps the only thing that one by quite painfully assured about this orgy of arson and violence is that it was not a spontaneous uprising of the villagers. However many goondas may live in Bengal, they are incapable of organizing this campaign on their own initiative. Houses have been looted with petrol and burnt. Who supplied this petroleum fuel? What imported stirrup pumps into this rural area? Who supplied the weapons? Some even of those who have suffered much are saying "We have yet to live up the same earth with each other. We must get back to normal relationships as soon as possible." But perhaps it is the likelihood of cooperation is impossible until a basic confidence has been restored between man and man. People's sense of justice has been jolted. The moral law must be vindicated. The goondas seem to think that they really are the rulers of this beautiful area in Bengal. One comes upon of fear among those who stood by and watched denouncing tyranny and aggression, and anxiety as to future punishment does not seem to exist."

'Harmony Out Of Chaos"

Srimati Sarojini Naidu to her id message said "In every Muslim house in the world today,

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Gandhiji Goes To Bengal

Mahatma Gandhi left two weeks ago by air for a most devastated village in Eastern Bengal where the Moslems are in the majority with no guard against attacks by rioters. Before he left he told his followers that he had decided on this new experiment in the teachings of non-violence to an effort to bring about peace between the Hindus and Moslems. Asked if he was not afraid of bodily harm Gandhiji said: I have the conviction that so long as God wants my service in my present body he will keep me from all harm. According to a letter received by Sir Rajendra Prasad the Food Member of the Interim Government, from Mr Satish Das Gupta a member of Gandhiji's party now touring the riot devastated areas of Bihar Mahatma Gandhi's condition is causing anxiety because of his voluntary restriction of diet to receipt of this letter Dr Prasad wrote to Mahatma Gandhi urging him to resume his normal diet because all is now quiet in Bihar and the promises to repeat that the unfortunate happenings within its boundaries. Mahatma Gandhi has been progressively reducing his diet which accordingly to Dr Sushila Nayar his physician consists of coconut milk honey, orange and grape juice

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Nothing To Be Over-Jubilant

INDIA'S efforts at U.N.O. on the South Africa issue have not been in vain. The Indian delegation has so far succeeded at every stage. On the question of incorporating South West Africa, the Union has been completely defeated. On the question of the treatment of Indians in South Africa the final decision of the General Assembly of the U.N.O. is anxiously awaited. What has so far been achieved is all in the good.

The Indian delegation stated its case with the dignity befitting India's great culture and civilisation. If there was any justification in losing one's head India certainly had every justification in doing so being the afflicted party. But it was creditable the way the Indian delegation kept its head at times in the most trying circumstances. Even General Smuts lost himself on one or two occasions but Mr. Heaton Nicholls tried the patience of the Indian delegation to the utmost limit. India is however none the worse for it. Mr. Heaton Nicholls we hope, has had a lesson in patience tolerance and good manners.

Sir Hartley Shawcross seemed to have come as a God send to the rescue of South Africa. His advocacy to defeat India was most distressing. One would have thought Britain would have stood by India but instead she stood like a rock by South Africa which would go to shew that notwithstanding the high ideals preached from platforms both South Africa and Britain still have imperialistic designs. Sir Hartley's exhibition was not consistent with the professed friendliness of Britain's present Labour Government with India. It does not augur well for the future relations between the two countries.

We have however, to think all those who stood by India. General Smuts fought hard till the very last minute to drag the question before the International Court but he failed. The Joint Committee's decision has proved that the majority of world opinion as represented in the United Nations is averse to discrimination based on race or colour. The cause for which we have been fighting has thus been vindicated.

Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit in her winding up speech at the Joint Committee spoke some home truths when she reminded the nations present of the lofty ideals for which the Great War was fought and said that within the span of seventeen months all that was forgotten and we were fast slipping into old prejudices and narrow concepts. Speaking of her own country she said:

"I wish to state without the slightest hesitation that no legal opinion is necessary to aid us in interpreting the meaning of the Charter. The blood and sweat and toil and sorrow that mankind has given throughout history interprets more vividly than any political tribunal is capable of interpreting the significance of the Charter.

We must confess we are at a loss to know why General Smuts should be so insistent in seeking the aid of the International Court when this is a plain and simple matter for the judgment of human intelligence. Does the Sermon on the Mount require a judicial interpretation? Where lies the Colour Bar been sanctioned in the Bible? Is there a higher law than the Supreme Law which governs the destiny of all living beings? If the U.N.O. Charter is not based on that Law it is not worth the paper it is written on.

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MR. BARNS ON U.N.O. RESOLUTION

A former Deputy Mayor of Durban Mr. A. L. Barns, who is also president of Natal's Association of Municipalities and Local Authorities criticised the United Nations' action on the Indian-South African dispute as prompted by political considerations.

Mr. Barns said to a New York interview: "I am very sure we will find that the Indian complaints and the debate before the United Nations Joint Legal and Political Committee have done more harm than good to the racial position in the Union and have further aggravated the existing tension between the different sections of the population.

"The United Nations Organisation has not considered the merits of the case, but has been persuaded to consider it purely from a political aspect."

Mr Barns said the Association of Municipalities of Natal was now considering a resolution to the Provincial Council to give franchise to the Indians.

"I sincerely hope," he said "that the decision reached by the United Nations Committee will not impede the prospect of bringing about amicable and proper recommendations."

[Note.—Qualified Municipal franchise for Indians is much discussed at present. Mr Barns has also referred to it. Indians however, have as time to think of it until the dispute over the Ghetto Act has not been settled. And to say casual Indians cannot accept any franchise not based on a common roll.—E.I.O.]

S.A. INDIAN QUESTION BEFORE UNO

INDIA'S CONTINUED SUCCESS

BY 34 votes to 19 the Joint Political and Legal Committee of the United Nations on Friday November 29 adopted a French Mexican proposal asking the Governments of South Africa and India to report at the next session of the Assembly on the measures adopted to settle their dispute about the treatment of Indians in the Union. There were six abstentions.

The resolution now has to go before the General Assembly where it will require a two-thirds majority to become effective.

The resolution reads: "The General Assembly having taken note of the application made by the Government of India with regard to the treatment of Indians in the Union of South Africa, and having considered the matter

"Firstly states that, because of that treatment, friendly relations between two members States have been impaired, and unless a satisfactory settlement is reached these relations are likely to be further impaired;

Secondly is of the opinion that the treatment of Indians in the Union should be in conformity with the international obligations under the agreements concluded between the two Governments and the relevant provisions of the Charter;

Thirdly therefore requests the two Governments to report at the next session of the General Assembly the measures adopted to this effect."

Nearly two hours after the meeting opened the voting started, and it was obvious that the result would be close.

Those who voted for the French Mexican proposal were: White Russia, Chile, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Iran, Iraq, Mexico, the Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, the Ukraine, Uruguay, Soviet Russia, Venezuela and Yugoslavia.

Those who voted against it were Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Greece, Iceland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Sweden, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The abstentions were Denmark, Ecuador, Honduras, New Zealand, Panama and Turkey.

This made the voting on the motion to send the matter to the International Court of Justice unnecessary. Mrs. Pandit, the leader of the Indian delegation, was overwhelmed with congratulations when the vote was announced.

The meeting adjourned immediately afterwards, and delegates crowded round her. Mrs Pandit edged her way through the crowd and smilingly walked up to General Smuts. The leaders of the two delegations which had conducted a bitter campaign to the accompaniment of cheers.

"Well, are you satisfied?" General Smuts asked.

Mrs Pandit smiled and replied: "Well I am neither satisfied nor dissatisfied. The point which I presented for my people has gained a hearing."

General Smuts replied "I appreciated your statement. I thought it very good." Then in serious tones, he said: You should not have talked about South African war criminals.

Mrs. Pandit quickly denied that she had made any reference to South African war criminals. What I said was: "Crimes in South Africa were similar to those which led to the war."

General Smuts replied: "Not fair-ish." He appeared to have accepted her explanation, and, turning to Jones, said "My dear child, you and I have in fact a hard world."

General Smuts declined to comment on the vote. Commenting on the result of the vote, Mrs. Pandit said "We have scored a second victory—the battle of South Africa. Not a victory in the narrow sense of the term, but a victory of fundamental principles.

"We must have in mind always before the United Nations the question of racial discrimination, which may give the world a challenge for the next war. We are satisfied in the support we have received and I want to thank on behalf of my Government all those nations which have upheld our stand.

It is a happy augury for the world that of the majority of world opinion has put the finger against the deep-rooted evil of racial discrimination."

Before the voting Mrs. Pandit told Joint Political and Legal Committee that the delegation had decided to withdraw the Indian resolution in favour of the joint resolution submitted by the delegations of France and Mexico.

"Because we can set here in any vindictive spirit, said because other nobis objects is to create conditions in the world by which peace may prevail and the United Nations may function and reach their achievements, we do not wish to place in the way of this committee any difficulties in the matter of voting."

She opposed to other delegates who had presented amendments to the Indian resolution not to withdraw them in favour of the joint proposal of France and Mexico.

Dr Wellington Koo (China) said that China would withdraw her amendment. There still remained to be considered, however, especially in the British delegation as to what resolution and amendments were being referred to.

Sir Hartley Shawcross had to ask Mrs. Pandit what resolution she had been referring to, and when the chairman Dr Manilsky said "We must note on the principle," General Smuts and Sir Hartley both put up their hands to catch the chairman's eye.

General Smuts was lucky, and then made the important statement that South Africa was prepared to allow the International Court of Justice to conduct an investigation in South Africa so far as the basis of the matter had a bearing on the law.

"The South African Government has no desire to bar the any inquiry into 'or a study of the position of Indians in the Union, but it must maintain its position as a Sovereign State that this is a matter for domestic jurisdiction.

The Government has, however, consented to the matter being referred to the International Court. It will agree in that reference being enlarged so as to include facts as well as the law. The court may consider an inquiry it thinks right on the facts, sending a commissioner to South Africa, if it wishes so as to establish the true facts and to arrive at a true determination of the law.

"We can not able to agree, in the circumstances which have arisen here and in the face of the attack which has included a suggestion that we change a position

MRS. PANDIT'S SPEECH AT U.N.O.

MRS VIJAYALAKSHMI PANDIT in making the debate in the Joint Legal and Political Committee on Thursday November 28 said: I think our complaint has been misleadingly discussed. All that I want to do now is a few words is to recall that historic conference of San Francisco last year when forty nine nations pledged themselves solemnly to give effect to the lofty ideals of liberty and freedom. We had just then emerged victoriously from the greatest conflict in human history a conflict which promised, among other things, if there is to be the completion of a mental case, our memories were still fresh them. Fresh with memories of the colossal sacrifice in cause and material to uphold firmly these principles of human decency and tolerance, without which life itself is meaningless perhaps it was no easy task then to put our ideas on paper. Now when we can record with the task of giving practical effect in these deliberations it seems no longer easy. I should indeed be surprised if there is in the nations among us today which did not then subscribe to the Charter with the fullest realisation of its obligations. Yet today within the short span of seventeen months doubt and hesitation are allowed to mar the fulfilment of a noble aim. We can not stop slipping into old prejudices and narrow concepts. For in the opinion of my country there is no room for any interpretation to the doubt and hesitation revealed in the discussion. As an willingness on the part of many countries to face up to the responsibilities that confront all of us. Speaking in my own country I wish to state without the slightest hesitation that no legal opinion is necessary to aid us in interpreting the meaning of the Charter. The blood and sweat and toil and sorrow that mankind has given through history interprets more vividly than any judicial tribunal is capable of interpreting the significance of the Charter. For this reason I am unable to withdraw my motion. We have stated our case. We now leave it to the conscience and judgment of the world. Let it be remembered though that this is neither the first nor the last of our actions to seek friendliness among the nations of the world."

PUBLIC OPINION IN THE UNION

ON JOINT LEGAL AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE'S DECISION

A STATEMENT issued by the Natal Indian Congress says "India, as well as the other Commonwealth, are in no mood to tolerate any injustice or insults to subject races, let alone her compatriots. The tragedy of the last war, which was the result of race intolerance, has taught the world too much.

"India is a great and ancient country and her contributions in the struggle to overthrow Imperialism and Fascism has been immense she is ready to sacrifice so much in the service of mankind.

Mr J R. Sullivan M.P—The voting has been acclaimed, perhaps prematurely, in certain quarters as a second victory for India and to an indication in South Africa to re-model its internal race relations.

The position, however, appears to be that if the General Assembly approves of the French-Mexican proposal by the necessary two-thirds majority, then India will indeed have scored at least an ideological victory. This approval and victory are unlikely, so seems to be indicated by gloss for the early departure of General Smuts for South Africa.

BISHOP ON COLOUR BAR MENTALITY

"So long as the crude injustices and the studdified moulding from a Colour Bar mentality persist in this country we cannot hope to make a very favourable impression in the councils of the world," said the Bishop of Pretoria, the Right Rev Wilfred Parker, writing in this month's Kingdom.

"The Nazi Reichsrace was giving much publicity to the Union. From this at least two conclusions could be drawn—that how many sins today could escape the scrutiny of the world and that it was useless for South Africa's representatives to voice liberal theories abroad if they were not prepared to put them into practice at home.

"The fact that many facets can be found in other colour interactions all of which are wrong does not make a right," writes the Bishop. "The Union today is partly suffering from the neglect of its non-European population by Governments during the past two generations as more.

"The present Government is trying to make up for past indifference, and great credit should be given to it for the feeding of school children. The provision of old age pensions and disability allowances is one such instance.

"Wherever I go I find proofs of the remarkable change for the better in the health of our European school children. These factors should be remembered."

"The most important feature of the struggle is that it has made the other sections of the non-European realise the potential strength of a united front of all against discrimination, humiliation and denial of opportunities for advancement.

"South Africa cannot talk in terms of nationalism nor can South Africa afford to isolate herself in terms of a sovereign State. We have entered the Atomic Age, and it is essential to think in terms of one world, one law and one loyalty.

"The struggle for freedom and full democratic rights for all in this country will continue so long as racial discrimination and intolerance are allowed to be practised in this country by the small white ruling class.

If the Assembly throws out the proposal then General Smuts will be fully justified in claiming that his plea to UNO to regard the Indian issue as purely a domestic affair has been justified, and that to effect the legislative one as laid down by the Land Tenure Act in this country will be maintained. That was the whole purpose of his mission.

If the spotlight has now been thrown on South Africa, it would be well if UNO sent a Commission of Investigation to the Union. It is likely to do that at the same time as it rejects the resolution now passed by the Legal Committee. Such a Commission would possibly be acceptable to General Smuts and would bring a healthy objectivity into the whole question in this country.

In the interval before the next session of the Assembly it is imperative for South Africa to put into operation a planned policy of social uplift as promised by General Smuts in the House this year.

Such a policy, covering education, health services, slum clearance will contribute more to a solution than the introduction of the question as an issue at by elections or at a general election. From now on we should if possible keep race questions above party politics. They have now become something immeasurably bigger than that.

Mr Grove Shaw, Secretary of the Durban Joint Wards' Committee: South Africa now knows who are her friends. It is rather tragic to note that Ethiopia, who owes her independence largely to the valour of South African troops voted against South Africa.

It is significant that India not only fought intentionally to prevent the question going before the International Court, but ignored General Smuts's last-minute offer to permit the International Court to send a commission to "see for itself" what are the conditions the Indians were like in South Africa.

Mr Frank Anstt M.P and Mr Charles Neale M.P (Dominion Party representatives) The UNO decision leaves the position unaltered. Relations between South Africa and India have been impaired by reason of the Indians' defiance. They will remain impaired so long as this defiance continues.

Senator C. F Cleaksen, Minister of the Interior I know that General Smuts has the full support of the United Party in South Africa and he is entitled to the full support in the Union for the magnificent fight which he has put up over both the South-West Africa and the Indian issues. A resolution to this effect was passed unanimously and with acclamation at the Natal Provincial Congress in Maritzburg and at the South African Congress of the United Party in Bloemfontein.

This matter is not even end we can trust General Smuts to stand as firmly as ever on the question at South Africa's sovereignty.

THE LATE PANDIT MADAN MOHAN MALAVIYA

WITH the passing of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya India has lost one of the greatest Indian patriots whose work in social, political, educational and religious fields will live long after his mortal frame has been laid to rest. Pandit Malaviya's name ranks among India's nation builders and as such he has played his part brilliantly.

Pandit Malaviya was born on the 25th December 1861 in his ancestral home at Allahabad. As a student he took keen interest in public questions, religion and education being his favourite themes. He passed the Entrance examinations of the Calcutta University in 1879 and FA in 1881 and its graduated in 1884. It was seven years later that he became an LL.B., while he discontinued his studies some time after he had joined the M.A. class with the object to take the degree for economic reasons. Pandit Malaviya took up the post of an assistant Master in the Government High School at Allahabad towards the end of 1884 and continued till the middle of 1887 on a salary of between Rs. 50 and Rs. 75. Pandit Malaviya then relinquished the teachership and took up the editorship of the paper called the *Hindustan* the proprietor of which was the late Rajah Rampal Singh of Kalakankar. He remained editor of that paper for two and a half years at a salary of Rs. 200. Pandit Malaviya's interest in journalism and faith in the Press as a powerful factor in the formation of public opinion grew and that led to his starting the weekly Hindi paper the *Abhudaya* and he played an important part in bringing it to eminence. The *Leader* established. While he was editing the *Hindustan* Pandit Malaviya was persuaded by some to whose he had the highest regard, to qualify himself for the Bar. Among those were Mr A O Hume, and of the founders of the Indian National Congress. Very reluctantly he submitted to the wishes of his friends and took his LL.B degree in 1891 and joined the High Court in 1893.

Pandit Malaviya joined the Indian National Congress in 1886 when its second session was held at Calcutta under the presidency of Mr Dadabhai Nowroji. Since then he had been one of the staunchest pillars of the Congress.

His zeal in religious matters was seen in the fact that he was the originator and the life and soul of the Sanatan Dharma Maha Sabha held at Allahabad in January 1906. The combination of his religious faith and zeal for the spread of sound education led Pandit Malaviya to prepare his comprehensive scheme for the establishment of a Hindu University (Sharnliya Vishwa Vidyalaya) at Benares. With indomitable faith and incessant effort his cherished hope was realised and to that he dedicated his whole life. The Benares Hindu University today stands as an everlasting monument to his life work.

The late Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya was an ardent champion of the Swadeshi movement and he regarded it as part of his religious duty to purchase goods made in India in preference to foreign ones even at a sacrifice for he realised that that brought food to the hungry and clothes to the naked.

The services of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya to India have been great for which India owes him a deep debt of gratitude.

Pandit Malaviya had great regard for Mahatma Gandhi and though he was incapacitated to do any active work for some considerable time he was watching with keen interest the activities of Mahatma Gandhi and was deeply anxious about his health whenever he underwent long fasts. In recent years he had become an ardent invalid in health that he could hardly walk and his voice too had become feeble. With all that when the British Cabinet Mission visited India in the early part of the year and the future of India was being discussed Pandit Malaviya had come specially to Delhi. He lived to see the establishment of the Interim National Government in India and it was his wish to see India free from the bondage of a foreign yoke. But that was not be. Such calamities as the Bengal famine, followed by the terrible communal riots, and the despicable acts of barbarity in Eastern Bengal and Bihar broke his heart.

May his noble soul rest in eternal peace and may his life be an inspiration to the countless all his family and may they take consolation in the fact that their sorrow is shared by the whole country.

The answers to these questions these can be taken seriatim.

It is true that the constitution of UNO gives disproportionate power to nations consisting wholly or partly of coloured people, but, as a Member State of UNO South Africa has accepted the position in any event, it was not the domain of any coloured nation but of the United States, that framed the Issues.

It is likewise true that some of the countries which have attached to the Charter are in no position to throw stones at us, because of the way in which they have sections of their own people. But the fact is that they have thrown stones, and the results have been damaging. Our arguments in this respect have suffered from the weakness that, in this instance, it was South Africa and not they, whose treatment of subject peoples failure was being discussed.

On the contention that the Union's policy regarding Asiatics has failed to present an adequate picture of our native policy it could be asked whether a really adequate picture would have helped us very much. After all, the colour bar does exist and conditions (also exempted) in the slimy towns of at the Johannesburg town European hospital are not entirely matters to be proud of.

As to the commission of the nations in the territories, the anti-communist of UNO was simply not satisfied about it; and so the statements of our representatives on the matter carried little weight.

They were wise, therefore, to accept the Danish Amendment as solution. It has become very clear that the world as a whole heartily disapproves of our native policy, and the South African delegates had to take the consequent criticisms.

Now we in the Union have to choose between two courses. We can either continue on the present policy in the face of world opinion or modify that policy and so admit that there may possibly be an element of truth in some of the criticisms levelled against us.

We may of course be right where almost everyone else thinks we are wrong. All the criticisms of our policy may be due to us having been compelled to irresponsibility and malevolence on the part of our critics. If so, we are entitled to go ahead as before, though on a rather lonely road. On the other hand, we may realise that it is wrong for a small country to be completely out of step with everybody else, and even begin to entertain some doubt about ideas which have hitherto accepted as unanswerable. This might be the more prudent course.

In either case, the time has come for the Union to do a little heart-searching about its native policy.

OUT OF STEP

Commenting on the UNO resolution on the Indian charges in South Africa *The Rand Daily Mail* writes:

USING a colloquial phrase, the Prime Minister's formal regrets that General Smuts is "getting it in the neck" in America. But this is not quite a correct statement of the position if the phrase is to be used at all it should read to the effect that South Africa is "getting it in the neck".

It was South Africa's case that the Prime Minister was conducting, and, but for his efforts the Union would probably have stood quite alone on the South West African question. Because of those Britain supported the South African proposal, and so, eventually the Trusteeship Sub Committee at UNO accepted the comparatively mild resolution put forward by the United States and Denmark instead of the much harsher resolutions proposed by Russia, India and Cuba. Also because of General Smuts's efforts and great prestige, the Joint Petition and Legal Committee's resolution on the dispute between the Union and India was couched in friendly terms which offer an judgment on the merits on the dispute and simply ask South Africa to take measures in the near future to improve the relationship between the two countries. UNO refused General Smuts's request that the matter should be sent to the International Court; but, on the other hand, it did not give a verdict against South Africa.

The decision on South West Africa was, however, a plain defeat for the Union. In spite of the multiplicity of arguments only one point was really taken into consideration. Is the Union a trustee of the natives already under its control or ultimately good to be entitled to control more natives? And the answer was almost unanimously in the negative.

Against this view it has been said still will be argued

That UNO contains a disproportionate number of representatives of States whose populations are coloured and who are therefore prejudiced in such a matter.

That other nations, including some of those most native in regard to South Africa's claims, have their subject populations (or colonial) administrators, and so have no right to blame the Union even if the treatment of the natives is not all that could be desired;

That South African information services are at fault and if the true position were known to other countries they would agree that our native policy is satisfactory

and, finally

That the native inhabitants of South West Africa have been properly consulted, and it is the duty of UNO to fulfil their wishes.

"DO all in your power to stop the lawlessness in Bengal. If you have the least care for the protection of the Muslim community in the Bihar Province," said Dr Syed Mahmud Ahmed, Secretary of a sub-divisional Muslim League in Monghyr District in Bihar in a letter to Mr. Jinnah. The letter points out,' says the A.P.I., "that happenings in East Bengal have brought reprisals in the province of Bihar. Congressmen are doing their best to afford possible protection to the Muslims. The letter also admits there have been several instances where Hindus have saved a large number of Muslims at great personal risk. Dr Ahmed regrets that the recent public statement of Mr Gazzanfar Ali has added fuel to the flame, and this is badly standing in the way of happens among Hindus after this statement may that the mass conversion in East Bengal was organised by the official policy of the Muslim League." Bihar is now quiet, and no incidents have been reported during the last week. Two League leaders from Bengal, who recently visited Bihar, say in a press statement: "We must put on record our appreciation of the services of Pandit Nehru in the restoration of peace. Shri Jai Prakash Narain says the agitation was supplied by various factors such as Hindu communalists, League pressmen, and even Congress elements of every type including big Zamindars and British and communal elements in the Services. He feels that the task of the Congress is to save the wave of mis-frenzy and wonder ought be made more difficult, even impossible, if the League does not return to the path of sanity and forsake the politics of hatred and falsehood —dishonoured and gleaned falsehood."

War Of Extermination

Shrimati Sushata Kripalani (wife of the Congress President, Acharya Kripalani) who is a Bengali by birth and an M.A of the Calcutta University and was for a time Professor in the Women's College in the Benares Hindu University, has been touring in the rural areas of Noakhali. On Novem ber 10 she said in an interview to the *Free Press* correspondent who accompanies Gandhiji to the tour: "After seeing with my own eyes some of the affected areas I can say that it was a case of extermination of the minority community by the majority community by means of murder, conversion and rape. The present police arrangements are quite inadequate. Stories of the abduction of girls have been received. But when we went with the military patrols no trace of such girls could be found at the suspected spots. I have rescued 20 girls who were about to be forcibly married. It appears that the miscreants have escaped to hide many of the kidnapped girls."

A Blot On The Name Of Islam

At the prayer meeting at Chaumuhani (Dist Noakhali) on November 7 speaking before a big crowd of which 80 per cent were Muslims, Gandhiji said "Muslims are in such an overwhelming majority in East Bengal that they should assume the role of guardians of the small Hindu minority. They should tell Hindus wherever that while they are there no one dare cast an evil eye on them. I have heard of forcible conversions, forcible feeding with beef oblations and forcible marriages. I do not wish to talk about murders, arson and loot. These had broken idols. Muslims do not worship idols. Nor do I. But why should they interfere with those who wished to worship them? These incidents were a blot on the name of Islam. He recalled how during the Khilafat days he toured East Bengal with the Ali Brothers when word to women's meetings Hindu-ladies but he was allowed to go with his wife. He had also recalled how in South Africa he had lived to the midst of Muslim friends for 20 years. They treated him as a member of them family and had told their wives and sisters that they need not observe purdah from him. He owed his achievements in South Africa to Muslim friends there. What sin had Meahat India committed that her children, Hindus and Muslims, were quarrelling with one another? He had heard that on Hindu women was safe today in some parts of East Bengal. Ever since he had come to Bengal he was hearing awful tales of atrocities. Indeed Suhrawardy and Shamsuddin Saheb had admitted that there was some truth in the reports that one heard. He had also come to realise the Hindus to fight the Muslims, as they had enemies. He had taught the British all but life, yet they were his friends. He had never wished them ill. Islam meant peace. No where did Islam allow such things as had happened in Noakhali and Tippera.

Jacob Shamsuddin Ahmed the Commerce Minister of Bengal, who is accompanying Gandhiji on behalf the Bengal Government said at a prayer meeting the next day "By killing Hindus and by converting and torturing them, the Muslims of Noakhali have done the greatest disservice to the Muslim community. If such deeds are done in areas where the Muslims are in a majority, then your claim for Pakistan is bound to fail. If Hindus and Muslims fight each other, there will be neither Hindustan nor Pakistan. From what I have heard and seen at Chaumuhani and other villages in Noakhali and around Chandpur, the Muslims cannot disown the brutal acts done upon Hindus there.

Save Forced Converts And Women

Pandit Hridaynath Kunzru, President of the Servants of India Society and a member of the Council of State, who toured the area, in a statement on November 30 corroborates all the facts as narrated previously by Acharya Kripalani, and adds, "The chief task of the authorities at present is not mainly to restore law and order but also to create a feeling of security among the terror stricken Hindus. While security among the Muslims they still regard themselves as Hindus. If a man of conscience is created among them and they are made to feel that they would receive adequate protection in the future, they will openly declare themselves to be Hindus and restoration of law and order will be meaningless if the Hindus cannot return to their old faith. He was told by genuine Hindus of cases in which Muslims helped their Hindu neighbours and protected their lives and property."

Dr Amiya Chakravarti, a renowned scholar and now the Secretary to the Poet, Rabindranath Tagore after an extensive tour in the interior, stresses the most urgent and imperative need to rescue the abducted women who were untouched in burkha and who for obvious reasons, could not be approached by the military. Only a military police force composed of women or duly authorised women workers, fully protected by the military, could help in the rescue work. "The so-called converted people in the interior villages full of them and reduced to a state of cattle by fear and intimidation."

Gandhiji In Villages

Gandhiji commenced his tour on the 6th instant on November 9 and visited were villages. He was shown a house where 19 out of 20 male were burnt in a house of 70 whom killed and burnt together. Widows of the house live in a relief camp. Once prosperous and inhabited by middle class people, the village is now deserted with everything wrath a penny looted by local gang. Gandhiji explained to refugees at a relief camp his plan of repatriation, i.e. that each local Muslim and each local Hindu should jointly take the refugees back and take charge of their security, they should be prepared to die before them villagers were attacked. The refugees answered that they could not go back as long as miscreants were freely roaming the villages and the perpetrators of the crimes, who had confessed, were not removed. As a matter of fact, the exodus of persons who still happened to remain there and who were rescued by relief workers on the military lorries was on large scale. They have lost confidence in the civil administration. Thus there is the gigantic task of restoring confidence. "Crime still flourishes in the area, and there is calm only when military personnel are present on the spot. Most of these villages are very unsafe for free travel, writes the *Free Press* correspondent touring with Gandhiji.

Gandhiji finds that his task is very difficult. He said that the refugees were getting less than half of their ration of rice, of cereals, on fish and on vegetables, one anything else. They could see next in that state for any length of time. If the Muslims did not wool those back in their villages, they would have to go there and. They would leave East Bengal sadly would be a shame in both the Musalmans and the Hindus. In one village about a dozen widows, hurriedly gathered from nearby houses, were weeping all the time. They said their vermilion and bangles had been broken and their conch shell bangles were forcibly broken, and they were forcibly made widows. They were not brought tears in the eyes of Gandhiji's companions. Gandhiji talked to them for 20 minutes, and distributed vermilion and bangles (and himself replacing conch bangles) to those in another village to women had been burnt. He heard the same story wherever he went. On the 13th he asked refugees to wait for 15 days more, during which he would take a decision about them. Till then they should not leave the relief camps for other places. He himself would stay as long as necessary. If necessary he would lay down his life in Noakhali.

Sent To Prison

The total number of passive resisters sent to prison up to Thursday, December 5, was 1459

A Passive Resister From Kimberley

Mr. Hoosen Dhana, who paid us a visit at the Phoenix Settlement was the only passive resister from Kimberley He has just been released after serving one month's imprisonment at the Durban Central gaol. Mr Hoosen Dhana is only a hawker but in the has regularly donating from his earnings £1 every month towards the struggle from its commencement. Mr Hoosen Dhana was kept in prison for ten months in India when the British Government pursued a policy of ruthless repression as a result of the Quit India resolution passed by the Indian National Congress in 1942

India Delegation Congratulated

At a full committee meeting of the Natal Indian Congress (Sea View and Bellair Branch) held on Monday a resolution was passed congratulating Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit and the India delegation at UNO on their success and expressing the hope that the other matters which till not see their way clear in supporting India's complaint against South Africa, will vote for the recommendations of the Political and Legal Committee when the matter next comes the General Assembly The meeting protested against the imprisonment and deportation of M J N Singh, secretary of the Transvaal Indian Resistance Council (b) the arrest and persecution of Mr Cassim Amra, secretary of the Cape Passive Resistance Council (c) and the threatened arrest of Mr. I C Meer a joint secretary of the Transvaal Indian Congress.

Municipal Franchise For Indians

Whether, and to what extent Natal franchise should be given to Indians on municipal councils was discussed by the General Purposes Committee of the Durban City Council on Monday afternoon. The following resolution was moved by the Committee by a majority "That this Council approves the broad principle of granting Indians a voice in Municipal affairs, provided that the terms and conditions upon which this is effected be discussed and accepted by the Association; further that the franchise granted be on a communal basis." Mr Hamilton who was an executive member of the Natal Municipal Association and recently adopted the view that franchise for the Indian must come about by gradual stages, and that it should commence by representation on a communal basis. In Durban some of the ratepayers' associations have expressed the feeling that the time is now opportune to consider the franchise for Indians The Morningside and Stamford Hill Ratepayers' Association has expressed the view that as the Indians show no sign of accepting the franchise qualifications given them under the Act, and are offering resistance to its operation no good purpose would be served by soon considering any form of municipal representation The Mayville and West Ridge Ratepayers and Ratepayers' Association support the broad principle of limited franchise but before making specific recommendations wishes to call a special general meeting to consider the matter The Hon Lands Ratepayers Association has strongly protested against the granting of representation to Indians other than on a communal basis for the area set aside for Indian residential occupation

Natal Municipal Association

A special conference of the Natal Municipal Association has been called for December 17 at Maritzburg to discuss the granting of the municipal franchise to Indians

In a statement to local municipalities, the Association says that its Executive Committee has not only considered the request by the Administrator that local authorities should try to reach agreement on the matter

The following resolution will be submitted to the conference

"The Association approves the broad principle of granting representation to Indians on municipal councils, provided that it is exercised on a communal basis, operating under conditions satisfactory to the Association.

If the resolution is adopted the Administrator will be asked to receive deputation for discussion before legislation is drafted

Policy Of Vindictiveness

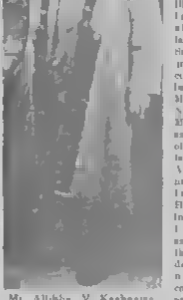
Natal employers have been urged by the Durban Joint Wards Association to restrict the acceptance of Indians as apprentices to Natives. This is embodied in a resolution which condemns the "regrettable attitude of the Indian community in defying the laws of the land in selling the Coloured and the Native population agitating against the Union and fostering opposition moreover to the Government's application in the incorporation of South West Africa."

Things In General

Indian Nursery School

As Indian nursery school the first of its kind has been established in Pretoria and is conducted by H B the Aga Khan's Provincial Education Board of which Mr Ralph V Anchuyeta is the hon secretary The school admits children between the age of two to six years The nursery school maintains close co-operation with parents assisting them to understand the importance of various aspects of the child's development and helping them to train children thus raising the standard of the home-life.

AGA KHAN'S MINISTER IN SOUTH AFRICA



Mr Alibhai V Keshavjee

Mr Alibhai V Keshavjee of Durban held in Dar-es-Salaam recently in connection with the Diamond Jubilee of his Imamate (spiritual leadership) His Highness the Aga Khan whose long weighed against the gifts a great many persons and a thousand sheep a golf medal and the highest title of Knight Mr Alibhai V Keshavjee for his distinguished service He was to have laid the foundation of H H The Aga Khan's Provincial Council of South Africa but he was hastened back to Durban where his wife was gravely ill she was bestowed with the Diamond Jubilee Medal were created

Proposed Indian Education Trust

Since the return of Dr Anmarjh Singh to Natal, after two years absence in training and experience she has been discussing the possibility of establishing an Indian education Trust in South Africa Her efforts are now taking more definite shape and an important meeting to discuss the project is to be held at the International Club on December 2nd 3 pm It is hoped Dr M S Aiyker will be the Chairman and Dr A Singh will speak on the proposed scheme Im assisting members of the Indian community in their efforts in qualify in various branches of study All interested are invited to attend this meeting. The Indian Women's Association are assisting Dr Singh in the convening of the meeting

Wedding In Johannesburg

The marriage of Miss Sushila Gokal daughter of Mr and Mrs. V Gokal and eldest of Mr Jagjivan Gokal director of the well known firm of Messrs V Gokal and Sons with Mr Chimanlal, son of Mr Ramchand Morar, well known resident of Durban took place on Tuesday November 26 at Mr Gokal's residence Shanta Bhawan in Bellsbery Johannesburg The ceremony was performed by Pandit Ravishanker Vidyarthi (Priest to Mr Gokal) and Shrimans Sama Behari Lavcoom Marriage according to Vedic rites The ceremony was witnessed by not less than two thousand people Many guests had come from Natal, Transvaal and Lourenco Marques and the wedded couple and their parents were recipients of a large number of congratulatory messages from South Africa and overseas. On Wednesday November 27 a grand Tea Party was given at the Langham Hotel by Mr V Gokal and family in honour of the wedding party Hundreds of beautiful garlands and bouquets were made between the family members of the wedded couple and speeches were made congratulating the wedded couple A gift was tribute was paid by various speakers to Mr Gokal for his generous hospitality and charitable disposition

Durnford's Retiring Town Clerk

A farewell reception was arranged by Mr Nathoo V Morar in honour of the retiring Town Clerk of Verulam, Mr J K Hardy and Mrs. Hardy at the Orvin Hall Durnford on Thursday November 28 After tea and light refreshments were served, Mr Nathoo V Morar paid a high tribute to Mr Hardy for the good work he had done for the Borough for the last 26 years and wished Mr and Mrs Hardy a happy retired life. Mr. Hardy

daughter Savita garlanded Mr Hardy and presented a bouquet to Mrs. Hardy. Mr Moosa also referred to the new Mayor of Dundee Cr P Pemble and said that the Council had made a very wise choice in choosing him and Mrs. Pemble as chief citizens of the Borough. The Mayor was also garlanded by Miss Savita Moosa and a bouquet was presented to the Mayoress. An opportunity was also taken to welcome Dundee's new Town Clerk Major A E Allis and Mrs. Allis. Major Allis was in the army and was connected with the Indian Divisions for a number of years. The Mayor of Dundee Cr P Pemble who followed, thanked Mr Moosa for the good words expressed about him and his good wife. The Mayor urged upon the Indian audience to follow Mr Moosa's example of leadership. The guests of honour suitably thanked Mr Moosa.

A New Doctor Arrives In The Union

We heartily welcome Dr Bhageeshna U Mistry, brother of Advocate D U Mistry of Johannesburg, who has arrived in the Union by the *Khandalla* after taking his M B B S in Madras. A welcome reception was given to his honour in Johannesburg last Sunday.

Sailed For India

Mr Kishorlal U Mehta of Messrs. Mehta and Sons and Mr Ramanlal M Bhandare of Messrs. Khandhia and Sons of Louis Trichardt, accompanied by their families, sailed for India by the *Khandalla* last Saturday.

Nehru On UNO Decision

Pandit Nehru, the Congress vice president of the Interim Indian Government, said in a London interview that the United Nations' decision on the dispute with South Africa "means that the majority of world opinion, as represented in the United Nations, has set its face against discrimination of race or colour. The resolution adopted by the United Nations Joint Committee meant the complete vindication of the cause of Indians in South Africa." Pandit Nehru added:

Statue Of Subhas Bose

The Calcutta Corporation has decided to erect in the Maidan the statue of Mr Subhas Chandra Bose, head of the Provisional Government of Free India formed in Singapore during the Japanese war who organised the Indian National Army which fought in the Japanese campaign. Mr Subhas Chandra Bose was reported to have been killed in an air crash while flying to Tokio at the time of the Japanese surrender. An official statement recently confirmed that he was dead.

Proposed Indian Education Trust

An important meeting will be held in the International Club to-day [illegible] Darbar on matter by [illegible] at 3 p.m. [illegible] A Sikh Convener

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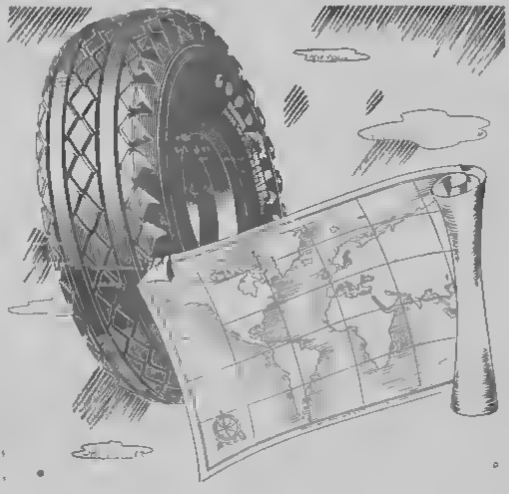
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The Verdict Of U.N.O.

THE anxiously awaited verdict of the United Nations Organisation on India's charge against South Africa of the latter's ill treatment of Indians has at last been given. It has gone against South Africa. It is an irony of fate that General Smuts the head of the Union Government who has played a most important part in the creation of that august body should have been the first one to be tried before it and to have been found guilty.

The stand taken by South Africa was that this was a matter of domestic concern and that no outside interference would be brooked. South Africa therefore desired that the matter should be removed from the U.N.O. agenda. U.N.O. however decided otherwise and the matter was not only allowed to remain on the agenda but for need the most important question before that great Assembly. South Africa then wanted the matter to be referred to the International Court of Justice for that Court's opinion as to whether international obligations as claimed did exist and as to whether U.N.O. has jurisdiction over what is claimed by South Africa to be a matter of domestic concern. On that point, too, U.N.O. decided that this was a matter which that organisation was fully justified in dealing with.

Having fully participated in the deliberations South Africa recognised the authority of that Organisation. The South African delegation fought to the bitter end. Arguments point blank on the point as to whether the matter was so important as to require the application of the rule of a two thirds majority for the resolution to be accepted. A plucky vigorous fight to have it established that it was such an important question. Still the decision went against South Africa. What will South Africa now do? Will it defy to flout the resolution passed by U.N.O. just because the decision has gone against it? We can hardly believe the enlightened section would subscribe to such an unpatriotic and dangerous step being taken. The issue is quite simple. The world opinion is definitely opposed to any discrimination based on race or colour. South Africa to be in line with the civilised world will have to revise its racial policy. U.N.O. has expressed the opinion that the treatment of Indians in the Union should be in conformity with the international obligations under the agreements embodied between the two Governments and relevant provisions of the Charter. Is there any doubt that agreements have been concluded between South Africa and India? South Africa's own records and Blue Books would prove how often agreements have been made and how they have been invariably violated both in letter and in spirit. This is purely a political question and not a legal one. Laws against Asiatics have been passed as a result of political agitation too. No court of justice can, in the name of justice, defend a law based on racial or colour discrimination. It is does it would not be justice. When South Africa has come to do its humble opinion it ought to take its cottage even when has taken place U.N.O. It should take as ideal in a sportsmanlike spirit and proceed to make amends. The simplest way to do so is to repeal the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act and if that is not possible to suspend it and summon Round Table Conference between representatives of both the Governments in India to arrive at amicable solution to the Indian question.

A great responsibility in creating a favourable atmosphere and thus making it easier for the Government to act rightly lies on the South African Press. We profoundly regret to have to say that a section of the Press does not seem to realise the gravity of its responsibility.

Without some such step as a correspondent of the *Natal Mercury* Mr. W. Warmington very rightly states, there is bound to be still a further mutiny of the relations now existing between Europeans and Indians in South Africa and also between

S. AFRICA'S CASE THROWN OUT BY U.N.O.

INDIA EMERGES VICTORIOUS

By the necessary two-thirds majority the United Nations General Assembly in the plenary session on Sunday night (December 8) adopted the French-Mexican resolution on Union's dispute with India. The resolution appears elsewhere in this issue.

The voting was 32 to 15, with seven abstentions.

The South African amendment, moved on Saturday, by General Smuts and calling for the matter to be referred to the International Court of Justice, was defeated by 33 votes to 21, with two abstentions.

Thus the most controversial issue before the United Nations General Assembly, a debate on which had lasted over since the Assembly began its session nearly seven weeks ago, ended in a complete victory for India—a victory which even the Indian delegation had not expected.

The acceptance of the French-Mexican resolution by a two-thirds majority seems as conclusive as of a surprise in the South African, British, United States and some other delegations, as it had been considered unlikely that the proposal would fail by a narrow margin to gain the necessary majority.

The plenary session debate began on Saturday and was continued on Sunday with an interval before the final session on Sunday night at which the vote was taken.

On Saturday night, opening the debate General Smuts tabled the plenary session of the United Nations General Assembly to strike out the resolution accepted by the Joint Legal and Political Committee last week and to accept a South African resolution asking that the Union-South African dispute be referred to the International Court of Justice.

The vote on the French-Mexican resolution last week was inconclusive, be said, because out of 54 members of the United Nations 11 received only 24 votes while 19 voted against it and 11 did not vote at all.

"To condemn a member State of the organization on very grave charges by such a vote, would, I submit, be monstrous and a course which the General Assembly should, under no circumstances, countenance.

South Africa's Amendment

General Smuts asked that his amendment be voted on by the Assembly because the Joint Committee had not even taken a vote on its merits. He said:

"In moving the amendment standing in the name of the South African delegation I shall be quite brief—as I think it need be—as my lengthy speeches especially in view of the very full discussions of all that already takes place in the Assembly the General Committee and the two committees to which the subject was referred in regard.

"But I do submit that a matter of very great importance to which South Africa is entitled to ask for the decision of the full General Assembly itself and not to rest content with merely considering the resolutions that two committees

HOW DELEGATES VOTED

The following are the countries which voted in the United Nations General Assembly on the South African amendment and the French Mexican resolution in the dispute between South Africa and India.

For the South African amendment referring the matter to the International Court of Justice: The Argentine, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, South East Bloc, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Greece, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Sweden, Turkey, South Africa, United Kingdom United States.

Against the amendment: Byelo Russia, Chile, China, Columbia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Egypt, Ethiopia France, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland India, Iran Iraq, Lebanon Liberia, Mexico, Norway, Panama, Philippines Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Ukraine, Soviet Union, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

"I therefore urge that the Assembly as in all justice and fairness, bound to pass its own judgment on the matter.

"I need scarcely point out that the South African case is originally supported in my view of the report established in the matter. The complaint against South Africa is pointed out, had also featured friendly relations in the two members sought lead to worse.

"Both from the point and legal point of view importance of the matter therefore be open to it should not be left decisive point that is only but should be passed by Assembly itself.

"South Africa claims that of right and asks the Assembly to pronounce its own views on a matter of such far-reaching importance.

"But besides the grave importance of the matter I w South Africa have another reason for asking for the decision of the Assembly itself. The South African delegation wishes the same time which I am moving, to be entirely unembarrassed by any commitments and final decisions that may be taken in regard to the merits of the dispute. They have already followed the usual procedure of submitting their case and arguments before the two committees and I need scarcely repeat but merely refer to the voting in which followed the usual lines and was apparently all going on it.

"It makes a reference of the matter to the International Court of Justice for its advisory opinion on the issues at law involved.

"This international tribunal a question of law is involved by the parties to the dispute, and that all African reply.

"On the merits of law South African can right to go to be with its opinion and the Assembly less my to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

America Supports S.A.

Mr Charles Fahey, (United States) supporting General Smuts said "The United States delegation is unable to support the resolution of the joint committee. The second paragraph says the General Assembly is of the opinion that the treatment of Indians in South Africa should be in conformity with international obligations. But the resolution if agreed to, would constitute a decision by the General Assembly that international obligations do exist between the two Governments. The existence of such obligations is in doubt. South Africa would on advisory opinion and we think that is the usual step to take.

"We believe this is not only right for the reasons the United States delegation has stated but also clearly the next thing towards a solution likely to bring greater profit to the Indians in the Union who are directly concerned.

"Racial differences within nearly every civilized problems that are not to be solved by fiat. They are to be solved by reconciling first principles the quality of man in his natural rights by patience and by an invincible improvement of men's hearts and minds, and by spreading the influence of man and women of goodwill.

"We must call into play basic processes of the Charter and like methods which the Charter lays before us. We must not create new antagonisms. We accordingly shall support the amendment proposed by the Union.

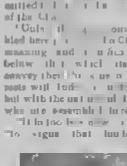
El Salvador also supported General Smuts' amendment.

Mr. Pandit's Speech

Mrs Pandit leader of the Indian delegation spoke next.

"The admission made by the South African Government in regard to racial discrimination and racial segregation in its penal enactments embodied therein in law and in acquiescent practices regarding violations of the Charter constitutes a breach of a treaty which it pledge by their admission she said "For many years my Government irrespective of its constitution and character has appealed to conscience and sought consequential and agreements and has finally been forced into an attempt to bring the matter before the bar of world opinion.

"The Union Government has taken no notice and it has given the slightest indication that it contemplates carrying any substantial part of its pledge implied in



MRS VIJAYALAKSHMI PANDIT

violations of the principles of the Charter its position of domestic jurisdiction of member States. If this were the case the Charter would be a dead letter and our protests about a small fifth of my country's race here would not and less important persons simply stop.

Mrs Pandit appealed in the name of the Charter and like the Government supporting the amendment that the Union Government should be a party with other international obligations and under agreements to which it has been the two Governments which put in the United Nations Union.

Mrs Pandit moved the prolonged applause when she concluded her speech.

Chase's Support

Mr Wellington Chase (Philippines) also supported the amendment. He said that the Philippines had always stood for the principle that international disputes should be settled by peaceful means. The Philippines had always been opposed to the use of force in settling disputes. The Philippines had always been opposed to the use of force in settling disputes.

Sunday's Proceedings

The discussion was resumed at the plenary session on Sunday night, with Dr Ricardo (Panama) as the first speaker. He said that the question was not whether the Assembly had competence to discuss the matter but whether it was desirable that it should do so. He said that the Assembly had competence to discuss the matter but whether it was desirable that it should do so.

Dr Evatt's Support

Dr Evatt (Australia) supported the amendment. He said that the Assembly had competence to discuss the matter but whether it was desirable that it should do so. He said that the Assembly had competence to discuss the matter but whether it was desirable that it should do so.

Dr Malan's Reply

Dr Malan replied to the debate. He said that the Assembly had competence to discuss the matter but whether it was desirable that it should do so. He said that the Assembly had competence to discuss the matter but whether it was desirable that it should do so.

Mr Van Langenhove's Speech

Mr Van Langenhove (Belgium) said that the General Assembly should turn to the International Court and should not sit below the Court but defer to the opinion and dignity of the Assembly's competence.

British Support

Sir Hartley Shawcross (British) said the issue was one which could be treated solidly and dispassionately. Every single time he had said the position was a grave and serious matter. It was indeed a matter of great importance—certainly not less important to South Africa and equally certainly not less important to the future of the United Nations.

If we are going to ignore the appeal by one of our member States from a unanimous decision of the Court when this Assembly itself has in that State before we condemn it, we shall have no Organisation has very grave dangers for the future. The legal authorities the legal upon which we would be more keen to the Organisation would do so little to advance African as it would.

Sir Hartley said he could not see why the International Court could not be asked to make a decision in this matter.

We must preserve the independence of our organisation and see that we do not allow it to be used for any purpose which is contrary to the principles of the Charter. We must not allow it to be used for any purpose which is contrary to the principles of the Charter

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INDIANS CELEBRATE U.N.O. 'VICTORY'

For the first time has the *Natal Mercury* spared so much space to reporting an Indian meeting. We reproduce the report as it appeared in that paper

WITH orderly but unsuccessful rejoicing more than 3,000 Natal Indians celebrated their UNO 'victory' with a mammoth meeting in Nicol Square, Durban. The meeting launched a campaign for a Nationwide Fund of £30,000, which was somewhat quickly raised to £30,000.

Mr K. Johnston, Chief Constable of Durban City Police, took the course of the speakers and of them ladies and gentlemen who entertained the huge crowd. He told a *Natal Mercury* reporter that the meeting was illegal as permits had to be held if had not been sought or granted, and that summonses would be served on the participants during the next few days.

Police patrolled the crowd, but there were no disorders. Speakers repeatedly warned their followers against acts of violence, which would prejudice their cause, and the only notes of hostility was struck when a section of the assembly of the crowd shouted "Down with Smuts" instead of the slogans called for from the platform.

"The Indian passive resistance movement in South Africa will continue with increased intensity until racial discrimination has been wiped off the Statute Book," said Dr G M Naicker, the principal speaker.

Dr Naicker said the decision of the United Nations Organisation had created a unity hitherto unknown among the Indian people of the world. This unity was a weapon with a potential blast greater than that of the atomic bomb and was the only method by which the South African Indian could obtain equal rights with the European.

"The stand made by our brothers in India has exposed the mistaken of Indian racial rights which has been imposed upon us—as well as upon the African Native and Coloured races—by the European people of South Africa" said Dr Naicker. "It is no illusion for self congratulation and gloating among our people. Great sacrifices still lie ahead before we obtain our just demands.

He said the Indian, Native and Coloured peoples of the Union as well as those of other countries, were looking to Field Marshal Smuts, with his clear thought and international mind, to give a mind to the fine peoples of the world by moving away from the narrow and selfish paths of racialism to conform with the conceptions of justice enshrined in the Constitution of UNO.

Alleging that Great Britain at UNO had double-crossed the South African Indian community for the second time, Dr Naicker said that the first time was when the Act of the Union was made and the Indians of the country were not considered. Carried which could be kept on the "Quisling's" of the Indian community, who would undoubtedly stab their compatriots in the back by helping to put the terms of the Land Tenure Bill into effect.

Mr H I Dhlomo, a Native representing the Anti Pass Laws Committee was applauded when he said that thanks to the successful struggle of the Indian people a new epoch for the oppressed peoples of the world was beginning. He said that as the Indians had now won their struggle he and his colleagues would now concentrate on winning equality for the Natives of the Union.

Dr Miss K. Goonam said the tragedy of the Indian people was due to those great nations which had furthered their cause at the UNO meeting—first and foremost the Soviet Union as among those nations whom she could appeal to for support.

Mr A I Meer, Joint Secretary of the Natal Passive Resistance Council, said that Field Marshal Smuts and Mr Hendrik Nicholls had faced their Nuremberg at UNO and had seen that South Africa was out of tune with the rest of the world in racial matters. "Only the removal of this discrimination will make a happy South Africa" said Mr Meer.

Mr M D Naidoo pleaded for the continued function from violence in the movement which, he said was the only road to success. "We live as free and happy citizens in this land of our birth in our only object but, if necessary, we are prepared to pay the supreme sacrifice to obtain this freedom," said Mr Naidoo.

Before the meeting closed Dr Naicker appealed to the wealthier class of Indians to support the fund which he said would be used to obtain recognition of the fundamental rights of not only the Indian people but the Native and Coloured peoples as well. He said there would probably be a meeting of the Joint Transvaal and Natal committees soon.

A resolution calling on all South Africans, particularly Europeans to rally together to win full democratic rights for all and to end racial and colour discrimination in the Union was unanimously passed.

The resolution asked for the immediate repeal of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act and called on all Indians to support the Passive Resistance Movement.

Telegrams of congratulations were sent to Mr. Pandit and the nine kers of the Indian delegation to UNO from the Natal Passive Resistance Council

Police Necessitates Pitching Tent

Recently the police had made it a practice not to arrest trespassers on the Gale Street Corporation ground until the only remaining house. The passive resisters had consequently to remain in the open practically the whole night. The Passive Resistance Council intimated to the police that if they did not arrest the passive resisters earlier in the evening they would be obliged to pitch tent to protect themselves from the weather. On Monday night a group of six passive resisters went at the usual place at Gale Street to court arrest but no police came to arrest them. So the following morning they put up a tent on the site and remained there until they were arrested in the afternoon

The tent was removed by the police

Mr V. J Thakkar of Messrs T P Devshi and Sons, 72 Victoria Street Durban has been appointed Commissioner of Oaths.

Mr Chhotalall R Parekh of Messrs. Chhotalall Bros. has, after spending some time in India returned to Durban by the Khandalla.

WHAT AN ENLIGHTENED EUROPEAN YOUTH SAYS

Above the news de-plume "Enlightened Youth" a correspondent writes in the *Natal Daily News* —

THE recent news at UNO with regard to the Indian question have made many Europeans smile that we have behaved badly towards the non Europeans and that we must mend our ways quickly in spite of our weak defence that the other nations do not understand our problems. I claim to believe that this is the cause of the dulent suffered by us at UNO It is quite plain that we have exercised selfish ness in business and selfishness Because of our educating and propaganda we Europeans have been led to believe that the non Europeans are in duplicate as sic. I am proud to state that the non Europeans have at last been able to raise myself above the level of that stupid attitude at our stage. I have learnt that the non Europeans only desire what we desire for ourselves i peace, security employment and a decent life

We Europeans, a puny community in relation to the universe have, for the last few centuries been trying to play all the laws of Nature, by unduly politics of history by thinking that we could build a civilisation on a 3 000 000 plateau This dangerous error has from the beginning of mankind led only to catastrophe. If the Europeans in this country are going to persist in their cruel treatment of the non Europeans, time let them peruse the pages of history and they will see what the future holds in store for us—bloodshed and the bitterness which springs from the memories of race intolerance On many page of history found learn the lessons that only tragedy and disaster can follow such a racialistic policy as ours.

But are we Europeans of South Africa to learn from the lessons of history at from bitter experience?

Because my skin have been coloured to the entire world we need not throw ourselves at the time-honoured and screaming like children who commit git their own way I to my senses and admit our sin taken and proceed to rectify them In this way we can once again gain the respect of the world In this way at could also restore the friendship between ourselves and the Indian people. Together, working and living in harmony we can make such progress fighting we cannot.

We must not forget that we did not commit the Indians but are passing the Act. We must also remember that we ignored their fair request for a round table conference before introducing legislation which affected did affect them.

I am ready to extend my hand as the to the people and also to those what I myself desire for a happy life Are you?

BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT ON TALKS WITH INDIAN LEADERS

THE following statement was issued by the British Government in London on Saturday night December 7, on the conversations with the Indian leaders:—

"The conversations held by His Majesty's Government with Pandit Nehru Mr Jinnah Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan and Sardar Baldev Singh came to an end this evening and Pandit Nehru and Mr Baldev Singh are returning to India tomorrow morning.

"The object of the conversations has been to obtain the participation and co-operation of all parties in the Constituent Assembly.

"It is not expected that any final settlement can be arrived at when the Indian representatives must consult their colleagues before any final decision is reached.

"The main difficulty that has arisen has been over the interpretation of paragraph 19 (5) and (8) of the Cabinet Mission's statement of May 16 relating to meetings of sections which may be followed.

Paragraph 19 (5) These sections shall proceed to settle provincial constitutions for the provinces included in each section and shall also decide whether any group constitution shall be set up for those provinces and, if so with what provincial subjects the group should deal.

The provinces should then by power to call up groups in accordance with the provisions of the sub clause (4) below

Paragraph 19 (8) As soon as the new constitution arrangements have come into operation it shall be open to any province to elect to come out of any group in which it was placed.

"Such a decision shall be taken by the legislature of the province after its first general election under the new constitution

The Cabinet Mission has, throughout maintained the view that decisions of the sections should in the absence of an agreement to the contrary be taken by a simple majority vote of the representatives in the sections.

"This view has been accepted by the Moslem League but Congress has put forward a different view It has asserted that the true meaning of the statement read as a whole is that the provinces have the right to decide both as to grouping and as to their own constitutions

"His Majesty's Government has had legal evidence which confirms that the statement of May 16 means what the Cabinet Mission has always stated was its intention.

"This period the statement as so interpreted must therefore be considered as essential part of the scheme of May 16 for enabling the Indian people to formulate a constitution which His Majesty's Government would be prepared to submit to Parliament. It should therefore be accepted by all parties in the Constituent Assembly

"It is clear, however, that other questions of the interpretation of the statement of May 16 may arise and His Majesty's Government hope that if the Council of the Moslem League is able to agree to participate in the Constituent Assembly it will also agree as has Congress, that the Federal Court should be asked to decide matters of interpretation that may be referred to by either side and will accept such decisions as that procedure, both in the Union Constituent Assembly and in the sections, may accord with the Cabinet Mission's plan

"On the matter immediately in dispute His Majesty's Government urge Congress to accept the view of the Cabinet Mission to order that the way may be open for the Moslem League to reconsider its attitude.

"In spite of this reaffirmation of the intention of the Cabinet Mission the Constituent Assembly desires that this fundamental point should be referred for decision to the Federal Court and that such reference should be made at a very early date.

"It will then be reasonable that meetings of the sections of the Constituent Assembly should be postponed until the decision of the Federal Court is known

"There has, however not been any proposal at occasion for the Constituent Assembly except upon a basis of agreed procedure

"Should a constitution come to be framed by the Constituent Assembly, in which even a large section of the Indian population had not been represented His Majesty's Government could not of course, contemplate—as Congress has stated it would contemplate—levying on such a section upon any unwilling parts of the country

Gandhiji In Srirampur (Eastern Bengal)

Mahatma Gandhi who is in an effort to reconcile the Moslem and the Hindu communities said on December 7 that he had found that non violence did not seem to work in Hindu Moslem relations. "I know positively that non violence is a perfect instrument he said "It did not answer in my hands this imperfection was on me, My technique was at fault I could not discover the secret from

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THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY CHAMBER (DELHI)



This is where the Constituent Assembly commenced its deliberations last Monday H.E. the Viceroy, Lord Wavell is seen examining map showing seating arrangements in the Chamber. In the background are some of the seats

OUR INDIA LETTER

(FROM OUR OWN COUNTRY CORRESPONDENT)

Bareda, November 15.

INTERIM GOVT. AND RIOTS

Nehru stated in the Central Assembly on the 12th that M Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissioner, had expressed his willingness to exchange diplomatic representatives with India and it was proposed that the matter be gone into further in Moscow in December next. The Government of India have accordingly taken the necessary steps in the matter. He added that the Government had issued instructions in the Government railways that the current practice on the railways of watermen and sundars of tea, sweetmeats, etc., attaching to the announcement of their wares communal adjectives such as 'Hindu and 'Musalman,' should cease forthwith. Pandit Nehru replied to the allegations when asked by Seth Govind Das whether it was a fact that East Africa was at present directly under the British Colonial Office, and that Indians had better rights of entry into, acquiring of citizenship and property rights, as also status under the law as human beings in East Africa than in the Union of South Africa.

Mr Jinnah's Appeal

In a Press statement issued on the 11th from New Delhi, Quaid-e-Azam Jinnah condemns the Bihar tragedy, "which has no parallel or precedent in the record of the cold-blooded butchery of the Muslim minority." He however cautions the Muslims against "retaliation as vengeance in Muslim majority provinces for what has happened in Bihar and is happening in other parts of India. "I pray to God he adds, that Muslim honour should not be sullied by inhuman, degrading and brutal happenings of the kind that have taken place in Bihar." We must prove politically that we are brave, generous and trustworthy that in Pakistan areas the minorities will enjoy the fullest security of life, property and honour just as the Muslims' same themselves—nay even more." I am glad that so far the Muslim majority provinces have been peaceful and immune from this virus of holocaust." While this statement is most welcome and will certainly be helpful, the fact that Nawabzada has not seen fit to condemn bloodshed has been noticed everywhere—particularly in contrast to the Congress leaders' attitude with regard to Bihar to say last letter I mentioned the Quaid-e-Azam's reference to C.P. and the contradiction from Seth Govind Das. Pandit Shukla, the C.P. Premier has replied to the Quaid-e-Azam in a detailed statement of the facts, in the course of which he says "It is within public recollection that the Hindu-Muslim relations in this province were normal till the beginning of the Muslim League." He cites a few recent instances where Muslims were the aggressors, and concludes by saying "Mr Jinnah can scarcely be surprised at the exaggerated and false news he gets as his agents have somehow come to believe that what he wants in a fifty-crore-rooted accounts to suit her anti-Congress and anti-national propaganda." That is now followed, happily, by a flat contradiction of the report regarding Jubbulpore, Katni and other places, by an issue of pamphlets by Maulana Murhamad Haque, President of the District Muslim League who adds that communal relations in the district are most normal.

Other News

Admission to the Congress session was restricted to elected delegates as a part of the Congress Nagar was burnt down during the recent flare-up at Meerut.

Dr Khan Saheb, in an interview at Peshawar, said Pandit Nehru's recent tour in the Frontier was extremely successful in so far as it made the Pathans realise the shaky position of the British in India. He said that a large number of tribal leaders pray day and aye preached the Frontier Ministry in suggesting a new line of action in view of the impending exit of the British from India.

Pandit Malaviya's death removes from the Indian scene one of the greatest nation-builders of modern India, and tributes to his memory have been paid in every part of the country. "To Pandit Malaviya's death," says Gandhiji, "India loses a friend and one of the nihal and unwearying servants. Up to the last moment he never ceased to think of India and her freedom.

The Central Assembly passed by Dalmiakhan's Bill permitting Sagotra marriages among Hindus. The Bombay Legislature has passed the Bombay Prevention of Muslim Bigamous Marriages Act, 1946, providing that a bigamous Muslim marriage will hereafter be void. Whosoever not being a minor, contracts a bigamous marriage will be deemed to have committed an offence under sec. 494 of the I.P.C. Power has also been provided for one who subsequent a bigamous marriage as also for the guardian of a minor concerned in such a marriage. One temple in Bareilly, one in Jaunpur, and the ancient and historic temple of Shri Subramanya at Tirucheendur in South India have been opened to the Harijans.

Sardar Pratap Singh, the Sikh member of the Congress Working Committee, now condemning the riots and Sikhs have no fear of anyone. A big section of Sikhs is within the Congress, and others are nearer to the Congress than any other party. Sikhs want nothing that will go against the interests of the country. Grouping of provinces will come in death of minorities. It will be permanent slavery of the



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worst type. We, Sikhs, will not follow the grouping procedure ' He thought riots in Punjab as unlikely, for "all the three communities are well-balanced and strong."

Gandhiji On Reduced Diet

Gandhiji has stopped glucose for the past three days, and his diet now consists of two to three glasses of coconut water, one ounce of honey and hot water, and ten to twelve ounces of orange juice and two grape fruits. Intimating this on November 16, Dr. Sushila Nayyar expressed the hope that he would not be able to carry on on this very spare and ill balanced diet for many more days; its effects were already being noticed in the form of slow trouble. After travelling 32 miles by motor car in two hours over a road demolished but newly repaired temporarily Gandhiji stayed at a village in a deserted house whose head along with two members of the family, was killed during the disturbances the one-storied building had also been set on fire and property worth several lakhs looted.

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"The inflammable issues of race and colour swept over the multiplex Assembly in a flood of emotion, formed by mischievous propaganda, and created a situation which only calm reflection can bring back to reality and to a proper perspective From the hasty consequences of this emotional flood only time, patience and further thought can save the Organisation."

It remains yet to be seen what General Smuts proposes to do, What he has said is, in our opinion, unfair to the members of that great Organisation, if not an insult to their intelligence. For if two-thirds of the members who voted in favour of India's case carried away by emotion

virtually does not speak very highly of their intelligence, But we are not prepared to believe that they were carried away by a wave of emotion and that they did not use their sense of judgment in exercising their vote.

"We found unbelievable misunderstandings about race and colour conditions and their handling in South Africa. We found a solid wall of prejudice against the colour policies in South Africa, which not even the most efficient publicity could have broken down in the time at our disposal," said the Prime Minister Surely South Africa had as much time and opportunity as Indians and if not more, to place their case before the world, Besides having eminent Advocates like Sir Hartley Shawcross to plead their case, that is, if General Smuts's own efficiency and international fame was not sufficient At a matter of fact it was only on questions of essential principle that UNO pronounced its verdict and that was that violation of human rights was not a matter of domestic concern of any State and that it is Union's policy of forced racial bread on race or colour was wrong in principle UNO did not enter into the ways and whereabouts of that policy Whether that policy which is wrong in principle is justified or not is a question that can be decided at a Round Table Conference between India and the Union which is quite an easy thing for the Union to Do But it can only be done if the statesmen's role in South Africa knows no hidden should cease In so far as we are concerned we neither subscribe to the Communistic cult nor to the extremists and do we belong to the ultra-nationalism one can mingle who have sold away principles for the price of doubtful material gain But on young men and women who at times, indulge in extreme language need to be treated with a little indulgence as they have undergone and are undergoing great suffering If it is a small thing for them to be separated from their near and dear ones and to undergo the rigours of prison life And for what? For the right to live as self respecting human beings. Is that a small birth-right or for two million Whites to claim South Africa as their land because their forefathers had won it by the power of the sword and to seek to keep it away the enslaved bodies of over eight million Africans, who are the real sons of the soil and the rightful owners of that land? Can there be anything more arrogant than this on the part of White South Africa? We plead for just a little calm and sane thinking

We stated in our last week's issue that sections of the South African Press does not seem to realise the gravity of its responsibility

We venture to suggest that the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act was passed as a result of militant anti-Indian propaganda in which the section of the Press played a very important part by allowing inflammatory matter one of its columns and leaning its own editorials But we dare to say that our Indian Muslim was not quite happy to have to introduce that [illegible]

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THE MEASURE OF A MAN

By L. W. RITCH

INDIA'S appeal to UNO had the decision there reached may mark one of the most important milestones of the twentieth century Like the trumpet blasts that shattered the walls of Jericho UNO's pronouncement will at least to some extent have contributed to the ultimate crumbling away of the walls of separateness that for so long have divided East from West whites from non whites

Only the prejudiced can fail to perceive that mankind as a whole is passing through a stage of the critical of its evolution in which the attitudes and practices in industry, as it does incidentally in the realm of international affairs and of health of new order

The outpouring of the West have been constrained to recognise the fallacy of the long [illegible] within all of us might [illegible] of their domination of material peoples the limit that [illegible] economic [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

degree by virtue [illegible] of our divine [illegible] the Eternal [illegible] is Omnipotent [illegible] Omnipresence [illegible] manifest [illegible] only in the [illegible] essentials.

No man [illegible] consult to [illegible] fractions of [illegible] wholeness and [illegible] of a sum [illegible] the remnants of [illegible] towards wholeness is only Wholeness is synonymous with All none [illegible] the sin big or little, great or small according as they outgrow the [illegible] ness and approximate more nearly to the All according as they shed the carapace of separate self hood that divide and [illegible] themselves with the One self of which each seemingly separate self in bull is [illegible].

It is thus as yet imperfect appreciation of one [illegible] not that really imperils us as the worldly declines [illegible] to the wall [illegible] it recognises [illegible] in [illegible] its needs. [illegible] rather [illegible] struggles [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible] tragically, [illegible] ing fraught [illegible] [illegible] to men from [illegible] result of [illegible] persistently below the surface of distinguishing between essentials and accidentals. The wisdom of all the ages invites to have and profit by the light of Truth thrown at every fresh illumination and guidance but, meanwhile we prefer occupying ourselves with the shadows of carnality. While that continues to be the case freedom we talk about so glibly yet with so little understanding, is still very far off.

Our Supplement

WITH this issue we present to our readers a packet of Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, leader of the Indian delegation to U N O. The Khalsa will be self at 6d each and the proceeds will go to the Passive Resistance Samaal in aid of the campaign

ideal of brotherhood of mankind without distinction of [illegible] creed or colour. It would of course be placing an unjust and interpretation on [illegible] NOT exception of Indians as to regard it as deliberate adoption of that ideal. But it would certainly be viewed as a hopeful forerunner.

Distinct (and consequent) realisation of the ideal of [illegible] brotherhood would see a [illegible] to pity at least from a misapprehension. The ideal does not [illegible] equality for [illegible] the all [illegible] physical [illegible] natural [illegible] intellectual and [illegible] it [illegible] the various children of a family without [illegible] their intrinsic [illegible] the whole human family.

Inequalities as between individuals or races [illegible] every different stage reached in the different chambers on the [illegible] evolutionary ladder in which the race is climbing [illegible] will self-regenerate.

The claims of man that expresses itself in parental love and self-sacrificial [illegible] to

FREEDOM FAIR

THE Women's Action Committee of the Natal Passive Resistance Council is staging a Freedom Fair at Curries Fountain from the 1st January to 5th January, 1947. The Fair will consist of the following —Stalls Bazaars, Music, Sports items, Open air Dancing, Amusement Park Games Competitions, Baby Shows, etc. etc. Admission to the grounds will be 6d for adults and 3d for children. The Fair will be on daily and nightly and there will be something to interest everyone irrespective of age. The Women's Action Committee have enlisted the services of [illegible] Indian organisers and it is hoped that the Fair will be the best show ever to be staged by Indians in South Africa. In regard to the Stalls those interested are to get in touch with the Congress Office immediately Curries Fountain will be floodlit during the nights. Each evening there will be entertainment besides open-air dancing, etc. The Fair will be done on the same lines as the Victory Carnival in spite of the limited time at their disposal the Organisers are confident that they will provide something really spectacular and entertaining.

HELP TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS

WHEREIN IS HOPE

By I. W. RITCH

THE idea of personal [illegible] in the minds of thoughtful men and women of the way to existence mankind is on the means to set them past stupidities have left us standing up in place of political, industrial and economic planning. To start of the utter dependence of every constituent member of the human family irrespective of [illegible] creed color and race and colorless surrounding being brought home to us. The conviction is gradually but irresistibly being [illegible] upon us in respect of all these spheres of activity that selfish competition, America ridged individualism, the cash for himself and the devil take the [illegible] principle must be abandoned and replaced by systematic planning in which human values and the needs of the whole are inadequately and [illegible] considered.

It is becoming more and more obvious that the [illegible] of the [illegible] which expresses itself in such activities as [illegible] country right or wrong [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

It would certainly seem that these sacrifices of worldly advantages for the sake of Principle are those not fit in with our 20th century civilisation; that martyrdom for the sake of ideals is not of date and left to "cranks" and fanatical christians such as the Reverend James Scott and the Reverend William Sarsell and to "misguided and ill-advised" non-whites such as the Indian passive resisters who obstinately refuse to conform to the plans arranged for them in the Union's political and economic set-up.

It should also have become obvious by now, that the problems confronting mankind are impossible of any real solution so long as the approach to them is made in spirit of opportunism and with the accompanying understanding that permanency obtains.

The urgent call is for vision, for a very considerable extension of our very limited horizon. We need to replace our own short term planning schemes with long term planning on the Book of God's planning and that requires an understanding of man himself and of the evolutionary programme designed for him for danger than anything so far displayed by the people who trusted guides and directors.

For instance I, for must be perceived as a continuous whole, stretching back to an immeasurable past forward to an infinite future and upwards to heights so much beyond man's present attainments as the latter are greater than the blackbeetles.'

Then our thoughts and actions must be motivated by recognition of an overriding Law the suggestion of the divine will, that seem at last can set aside as any of "The Good Law" that moves to righteousness and which through its operations as we now see we reap—unless we do discern right from wrong, without it can bewisdom.

We prefer not to admit it, but nevertheless we are daily and hourly experiencing the operation of this Law which alone explains the almost inexplicable. Our past sins of commission and omission inevitably find us out.

Escape from the present chaos will never be effected through a policy of drift and dodging the rocks and shoals as they are bypassed upon not yet by plans framed on premises that are either entirely false or at best ill-informed. We have lost the light not because it has ceased to shine but because we have turned our backs upon it and become intrigued with the dawn. We can regain the light, but only at the price of recognising the shadows for what they are and turning our back upon them. His Kingdom will come when we constrain one to will with us in favour of cooperation with His will.

TWENTY-ONE WOMEN RESISTERS GO TO GAOL

THE Clairwood branch of the Natal Indian Congress, which has been the strongest centre of the passive resistance movement sent to greenwich batch of nineteen passive resisters into prison on Monday night overcoming a weakness and five men. The batch was led by Mrs. G. M. Naicker. Dr. Miss Goonam, Mr. E. I. Ismail, treasurer of the Natal Indian Congress and others.

Seven passive resisters from Durban and seven from the Transvaal also courted arrest the same night, included among the seven from the Transvaal under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi included also were Mrs. P. Vanchia Nam J. Pathkoo and Miss S. Lakshmi.

Thirty three to all including twenty one women courted arrest on Monday night. The Clairwood jail in Sawlis street was full to capacity that evening to wish the resisters God-speed. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Miss Goonam and was addressed by Dr. G. M. Naicker, Mr. Reddy, secretary Passive Resistance Council, Mr. Manilal Gandhi, Mrs. Singh and others.

After the meeting the resisters proceeded in the usual manner on Corporation land at Gale Street where the police released them on their own recognisance, certifying them to be present at the Court the following morning. On Tuesday morning they were all sentenced to £5 or 30 days imprisonment. All selected to go to prison.

The same day another batch of passive resisters, all students, arrived from the Transvaal. They were given a rousing reception at the Congress Hall. They could not arrest on Wednesday night.

Released

Among those released from prison on Tuesday were Mr. Dehi Singh from Stanger and Mr. M. P. Naicker from Verulam where they had been transferred by the jail authorities.

A mass meeting to welcome them will be held at the Nicol Square today (Friday December 20).

PANDIT NEHRU CONGRATULATES HIS SISTER

WHILST she was leaving New York for India on December 11, Mrs. Pandit received a telegram from her brother Pandit Nehru, vice-president of the Indian Interim Government congratulating her on her successful effort to win the support of the United Nations on behalf of Indians in South Africa.

Pandit Nehru said the Assembly not only vindicated India's honour but proved itself to be the guardian of human rights. This gives hope for the future of the United Nations and for civilisation itself.

The left wing liberal newspaper *New York Post*, commenting on the adoption of Indian resolution said "in condemning, overwhelmingly a question against Indians in South Africa the United Nations General Assembly did itself a great honour as the decision could easily have gone the other way.

"This is an important precedent. It means, to quote Mr. Gromyko, that members of the United Nations are bound not to violate human rights. We must all remember—the Soviet Union included—that this award can cut both ways. Let all enemies of real liberalism beware.

Miss Meenambigay Early in the evening a meeting was held at the Andhra Institute, Clairwood, to bid God-speed to the women resisters. Mr. S. M. Singh, chairman of the branch presided. The meeting was attended by over a thousand people and speeches were made by Dr. G. M. Naicker, Dr. Miss Goonam, Mr. E. I. Ismail, treasurer of the Natal Indian Congress and others.

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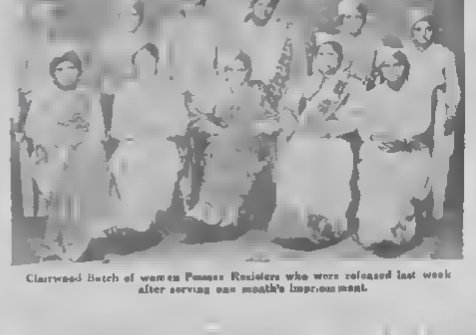
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Clairwood Batch of women Passive Resisters who were released last week after serving one month's imprisonment.

S.A. PRESS OPINION ON UNO VERDICT

Commenting on the UNO verdict on the South African Indian question in East London, *Daily Dispatch* writes:

If the most definitive set of UNO aim may guide, it is the view of the majority of nations of the world that discrimination in any form on the ground of colour constitutes a violation of the ethical principles underlying all signatories to the United Nations Charter. Implicit in that argument is the contention that breaches of human rights and freedoms mean complete equality politically and [illegible]. That will cause, if that is the gravamen of the charge against South Africa by UNO, than the Union stands condemned not only for its treatment of a couple of hundred thousand Indians but for its treatment of eight million Africans. But [illegible] only as it does all the nations with experience of native affairs, will subscribe in the names of the [illegible] members of UNO. What the latter fail to realise—or realise [illegible] that the African has not yet reached a sufficient stage of development as a race, to be entrusted with the [illegible] ment. This view of anybody else's affairs. Nevertheless, because such African views limit the great majority of Africans are unrepresented politically and educationally unskilled to share in the government of this country it would be worse than folly to treat the views of UNO with contempt or ignore it. It should be accepted [illegible] and effort to improve the conditions of all people [illegible].

[illegible] UNO resolution is concerned South Africa can and will [illegible]. The Government can repeal the legislation which [illegible] and attempt to meet other demands [illegible] but it can [illegible] with the Government [illegible] and adopt a stubborn, unyielding attitude in which [illegible] to reject [illegible] to solve the problem to the [illegible]. A policy which [illegible] the UNO aims [illegible] to negotiations with the Government [illegible] development. A fourth course, but it will [illegible] which would have [illegible] United Nations action as a [illegible]. It is certainly [illegible] to be laid by outsiders with little or no knowledge [illegible] and conditions, how you should [illegible] policy to adopt your internal affairs, but as Mr. Hofmeyr [illegible] said to the whole South Africa cannot disregard or [illegible] opinion. [illegible] no breach of the ideal in the voluntary [illegible] and [illegible] proposed policy in the [illegible] Government would be wise to pay [illegible] to the [illegible] and [illegible] liberal policy that would [illegible] and [illegible] plans with supporting [illegible] and [illegible] hope of attaining political de[illegible]

INCREASE IN INDIAN UNEMPLOYMENT

Figures published show that the [illegible] unemployed in Durban [illegible] registering Indians [illegible] assisted to leave the [illegible] by refusal to pay [illegible] Act [illegible] Indians [illegible] to finding [illegible] [illegible] employment [illegible] to the [illegible] and [illegible].

Estimates about 60 [illegible] by the [illegible] unemployment [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] employees [illegible] work [illegible] trades [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Mr. [illegible] thought that this increase [illegible] unemployment [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] primarily [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] caused by launching their passive resistance movement. Only recently the Durban Joint Wards Association urged employers to restrict employment of Indians and give preference to Natives.

In a letter to the *The Natal Mercury* Bishop Fergusson Davie [illegible] a warning against this kind of retaliation.

Patterns available however, appears to accept European employers of any such charge of vindictiveness. A firm which is now employing Natives instead of Indians has explained that its Indian workers went on strike but when the strike called for application in all the strikers' case [illegible] Natives came for work because the Indians at the time were still supporting the strike.

Mr. A. I. Maw, secretary of the Passive Resistance Council told *The Natal Mercury* that the rise in Indian unemployment figures and in his view nothing to do with the passive resistance movement. There was a falling off in employment, he says, before the movement began. He thought it was due to the fact that Indian labour in certain industries had been more efficiently organised and was more difficult to exploit than Native labour.

Mr. Maw denied that it would pay us Indian labourers better to join the passive resistance movement than to draw unemployment allowances from the Department of Labour. He said the Passive Resistance Council regulated the payments to its members on the merits of each case.

HOW NATIVES ARE TREATED BY THE POLICE

"No person can perform his judicial office in this country without hearing many complaints from natives of their treatment by the police. In many cases alike investigation, the complaints turn out either to be incapable of substantiation or to be untrue. But one cannot with the feeling that in a number of cases, unfortunately, they are true. Those grave words which reflect no credit on the South African police were uttered by Mr Justice Blackwell, at the Rand Criminal Sessions on Thursday, December 12, when two natives, Moses Kumalo and Bushu Paterson with four others were being tried on a charge of robbery. The natives complained of being cruelly and severely beaten by the police and a confession extorted from them. Moses a man was that of the charge office at Germiston a European constable took him to a gutter behind the station and, showing him blood stains on the wall, said that they were those of his friends who were awaiting trial in the same case. The police had hit him with a piece of bent pipe. Moses had said the detective kept hitting me, and said that on the next day I would be taken before a magistrate. He then asked 'Do you admit these things which I have just told you?' I said I would if he would stop hit [illegible] me. I thought I knew it was not true. Sesho had told a story which, in the main mountain, said the judge was the same as that of Moses. He said his hands were handcuffed behind him or roped round his neck and he was taken to the same garage and beaten. As a result of the assault he had been in hospital for five weeks. I think these two natives are telling the truth, that they were beaten by the police and that Moses's confession was extorted from him through being beaten," the Judge said and these words were followed by further remarks quoted above.

If Christ Were To Visit S.A.?

"If Christ tried to get into South Africa today he would be regarded as an undesirable person" said Mrs. Pandit, leader of the Indian delegation at UNO, when she arrived in London from New York on December 10.

She said, "All that Field Marshal Smuts says about discrimination against Indians in South Africa being necessary to preserve Western and Christian civilization is nonsense."

Mrs. Pandit added "I regret that it should have been necessary for me to oppose at the United Nations a man of the eminence of Field Marshal Smuts, who in his time has done so much for the cause of humanity and who is the author of the preamble to the Charter.

"The reason we have achieved in South Africa might be described as the descent of the new world over the old. It is the descent of the underlying principles of the Charter and I feel privileged that it was given to the Indian delegation to raise that question at the Assembly of the United Nations.

"We contend that racial discrimination lies within it the seeds of discontent. India will be a key factor in the future. The west is the broken and [illegible] tired.

INDIA'S CLAIM IN TANGANYIKA

The Indian delegation last week made a strong attempt to get India recognised as a "State directly concerned" in the administration of Tanganyika and a State therefore which should have been consulted by Britain in the drawing up of the Draft Trusteeship Agreement for Tanganyika.

Mr Krishna Menon (India) told the Trusteeship Sub-committee that from a strategic and economic viewpoint, India was vitally concerned in the future of Tanganyika. He said there were 8,000 Europeans in the territory against 23,000 Indians. "There was a time when it was said that one Englishman was worth 20 Indians. Those days are now over." He said it was important that the interests of Indians in Tanganyika be safeguarded and it was therefore vital that India be consulted. He said that South Africa had been consulted by Britain before the Draft Trusteeship Agreement for Tanganyika was submitted to the United Nations and deplored the fact that India had not even been approached. Indian troops were used extensively in Africa in both world wars and any annexation which occurred should have included India. India could not accept the United States' proposal that the question of "States directly concerned" should be left for future definition. (A resolution to this effect was passed the previous day.)

Mr John Foster Dulles (United States) intervened to say that India honestly believes its strategic and economic interests in Tanganyika are so great that India should be entitled to overrule the judgment of the United Nations and prevent the coming into force quickly of the trusteeship system.

Mr Menon said: "The Government of India is [illegible] about Indians in that part of the world and the role I [illegible] understand this is the [illegible] happened in other [illegible] Mr Dulles [illegible] India is going to be [illegible] State directly concerned [illegible]



Dr Rajendra Prasad, President of Congress leader and Food Member in the Interim Government who was unanimously elected permanent President of the Constituent Assembly on Wednesday, December 11.

PANDIT NEHRU'S RECENT VISIT TO THE NORTH-WEST PROVINCE



Pandit Nehru is seen shaking hands with the leaders of the inhabitants on the left Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, Frontier leader and on the right Dr Khan Sahib, Chief Minister of the North West Frontier Province



In the second picture Pandit Nehru accompanied by the Frontier leader and the Chief Minister of the Province and others, is seen descending from a vantage point at Tukhsan, where the Khyber gate to Afghanistan.

OUR INDIA LETTER

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Baroda November 25.

A VENTURE IN FAITH

GANDHIJI is fortnightly [illegible] his penny [illegible] letter [illegible] deciding the [illegible] to settle down in an [illegible] and make himself or his ill homage of the purity and sanctity of the Hindu ethnicity in that village. "Those who have ill will against Mussalmans or Islam in their hearts or count or cash their indignation of what has happened should stay away. They will only mislead me by working under this plea." He was going in here himself to East Bengal until such time that the Hindus and Mussalmans learnt to live together in harmony and peace. He felt that his shimmer would be unconquerable unless he took this step. I know the women of Bengal better than probably the immediate do. Today they feel crushed and helpless. They have none of myself and my own position would at least teach them the art of dying with self respect. It must open the eyes of the oppressors and melt their hearts. It should dissipate the Hindu Dharma dimpsmas. And on he is now staying alone in a village with two companions—Prof N K. Bose to act as the Bengali interpreter on third Pyarelal the stenographer for the typing work. Gandhiji looks after all his personal needs. This reminds me of an incident in the life of the Prophet Mohammed. The Prophet and Abu Bakr were hiding in a cave. Once or twice the danger approached so near that the heart of old Abu Bakr quaked with fear "We are but two roll he. "Nay," said Mohammed "we are three, God is with us." And He was with them as He is with Gandhiji. The position of East Bengal he feels, is not one of Bengal alone. The battle of India is today being doubled in East Bengal. In the light of the latest statement maybe I assumed goats with lesser projection and propose to revert to normal diet as only as the system permits. On the same day on the eve of his departure for Bengal he announced in his new decision in even an interview to a special correspondent of the *Hindu* (Madras) in which replying to several questions he said "I am going to the village for my own sake, i.e. to win my shimmer. Indeed I am in search of a League Muslim who will harbour me in his house as a member of his family. I recognise the duty on a special occasion as peculiar seems more mundane. I am convinced that so long as God wants my service in the ground body He will keep it from all harm. He is expected to remain within the military escort. He told the Prime Minister that he could withdraw the police and the military. The Hindus and Muslims could break each other's heads, if they wanted to. He would put up with that. But if they go on looking to the police and the military for protection they would remain slaves for ever. Those who practised slavery had no right to live. He wanted the women to be brave. A cowardly man or woman was a burden on any religion. He had come to proclaim from the house top that the women should become brave or else die.

Mr Suhrawardy the Bengal Premier addressing two small large in villages in the disturbed area, said "After all the sole enemies have been Muslims, and we must all of one try and help each person. You must do everything possible to induce the evacuees to come back and to treat them with affection and goodwill. We must show that Pakistan means justice to all and that minorities can rely on the Muslim for protection and fair play. It is against our religion, traditions and history to persecute minorities." He asked them to form Peace and Protection Committees of leading Hindus and Muslims. "I can personally assure you that the life and property in its jurisdiction. It should with local help on request to where these have been burnt. This will be a concrete gesture to them reassuring you should tell them that they are free to follow their own religion freely. If there be any attempt on the part of any Muslim, she should be immediately released and is treated by him as his people.

Congress On South Africa

The Congress which held its session at Meerut after a period of six years, passed the following resolution on the South African question. The Congress endorses the resolution passed by the All-GC on July 6 congratulating the South African Indians on their resistance to the segregation policy of the White people of that country and records its satisfaction at the resolution of the Union of India delegation to the United General Assembly opposing the narrow racial basis of the South African Government in the full glare of world opinion. The Congress emphatically refuses the invocation of Field Marshal Smuts in the connection that the Indian people are also guilty of racialism such as is shamelessly indulged in by the South African Government. The Indian people on all their land are energetically engaged in working out the fullest equality in all the spheres labelling this large on a great country in all of life, political social and economic, and the laws of this country discriminate in any discrimination whatsoever whereas the policy of the South African Government and the White authority of that country is flagrantly racial and discriminatory and is a menace to world peace and civilization."

Other Resolutions

Among the other resolutions passed by the Working Committee in addition by the Congress are (1) Measure to Health Ministers economy (2) Condemnation of the Assam ministry, (3) Declaration of the Congress and This Congress declares that it stands for an independent sovereign republic wherein all powers and authority are derived from the people and in which full powers wherein [illegible] objectives are to be given to guarantee freedom progress and equal opportunity for all the people of India so that this nation may attain its rightful and honoured place in the world and [illegible] where its full contribution to the promotion of world peace and the [illegible] and welfare of mankind." (4) Concern regarding the attempts made in East Africa to [illegible] the constitution of self-[illegible] period and [illegible] them as a permanent [illegible] Indian [illegible] Government [illegible] the Congress [illegible] of Indians [illegible] South Africa in the struggle [illegible] the right to [illegible] of the same and [illegible] to a [illegible] in [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

cept a secondary position in the country of nations. This Congress reiterates its faith in the high dignity of India and the ideals which have moved the Indian people. Congress, therefore, calls upon the people to put an end to internal conflict and to face internal and external dangers as a united people, in the spirit in which they have fought in the past for India's independence. That struggle has not ended, and may yet require many sacrifices" (16)

In the opinion of Congress it would cannot be said for the manner unless it makes possible the achievement of a society in which democracy extends from the political to the social and the economic sphere, and in which there would be no opportunity for the privileged classes to exploit the bulk of the people nor the gross inequalities such as exist at present. Such a society would ensure individual liberty equality of opportunity, and the fullest scope for every citizen for the development of his capacity (21) Authority to the A.I.C.C. to amend and revise the Congress constitution on the following principles (a) Franchise upon monthly to be abolished and in-stead a broader franchise approaching adult franchise to be introduced, (b) All elective Congress Committees to consist of workers in the field in constructive, organizational parliament any or any other political activity. (c) Elections to be held every three years.

Nehru's Speech

In the Subjects Committee, on November 21 Pandit Nehru stated that the atmosphere in the Interim Government after the League's entry had become so strained that Congress members had twice threatened to resign. "Our position is that reaching the limit. If these things continue a struggle on a large scale is inevitable. He charged the Viceroy with failure to carry on the Government in the spirit in which he had started. "His impartiality removing the wheels of the one, and this is leading to a critical situation." Ever since the entry into the Government the League had pursued its aim to enlist British support. After coming into the Government the League had been endeavouring to establish itself as the "Kings Party" in the Government. The British Government for its part had been exploiting this position for the new position "There is also a mutual alliance between the League and senior British officials." If the League did not accept the proposals of May 16 as was clear from Mr Jinnah's letter to the Viceroy, then there was no room in League supre-pentatives in the Interim Government. While they are welcome to join the Constituent Assembly let me make it clear that, whether they come in or keep out, we will go in. We been accepted it, and we shall work it and get the fullest advantage out of it. "The only good thing about the Constituent Assembly is that the British power will not be directly represented in it, though we may not be able to check its indirect representation by the backdoor "We will retain it not to order a general mess pretty things, but to establish the Indian Republic." His postponement in five months (as Mr Jinnah demanded) would mean that it would never meet.

League Will Not Attend

In a statement issued on November 21 from New Delhi Mr Jinnah repeats the decision of the Viceroy and His Majesty's Government to summon the Constituent Assembly on December 9, and says "No representatives of the Muslim League will participate in the Constituent Assembly on the date fixed. A meeting of the Muslim League Council passed on July 29 stands.

Viceroy's Assurance

Extracts from letters exchanged between the Viceroy and Pandit Nehru have been released by the latter in the latter dated October 21 the Viceroy says "I have made it clear to Mr Jinnah, whom I have seen today, that the Muslim League's entry into the Interim Government is on additional on the acceptance of the scheme of the Cabinet Delegate contained in the statement of May 16 and that he must tell his Council at an early date to agree to this. As I told you, Mr Jinnah has assured me that the Muslim League will agree to the Interim Government and the Constituent Assembly with the intention of cooperation

President On South And East Africa

The following are extracts from the speech of Acharya Kripalani, as Congress President, dealing with the situation in South and East Africa

The question of the status of our nationals in South Africa has suddenly become one of world eminence, having been duly represented by the Indian delegation before the U.N.O Field Marshal Smuts falsely put forth his plea that the question being purely domestic was not one to be entertained by the U.N.O The argument, I am glad, was brushed aside by the assemblage. It is opposite to recall that this prolonged fight has been possible only mainly because our countrymen made for the first time in history the successful use of the ceaseless weapon of Satyagraha in that land of gold and diamonds. The soul of the people was born; arms and may and for some time to come the finest is the sole purpose to note that our countrymen there are holding forth the non violent battle in which men and women belong rage to all parts and communities of India have joined hands. The battle is not one of blood and hatred but of national self-respect and because which is more than blood and hatter. On your behalf I must pay a tribute to our countrymen that in their noble struggle the whole of India is at their back. In passing I note here that the situation of the colored and exploited races of the earth is riveted on this struggle alike for the issue so far the means employed to bring it about.

"Closely akin to the South African struggle is the war now being carried on in Kenya Tanganyika Here the position of the white man is much more untenable than in South Africa. Our last word of peace in this hitherto view of a variety of questions, which must engage us on the threshold of independence, I would love to take you through the romance of our pre European and peaceful penetration in Africa through to East coast. I must content myself with commending to your attention the papers made available to us by the East African Indian Deputation that recently visited India. In your name I pledge India's support in any way we can in East Africa so in the South and wish them every success which is theirs by right."

Bardoli, December 3.

Nehru Speaks Out

Moving the main resolution at the plenary session of the Congress at Meerut on November 23, Pandit Nehru referred to the movement of 1942 which he described as a year of pain and suffering and sacrifice and said "I can never forget the part played by the British as well as Indian officers in that year I realise their position and am prepared to sympathise with them. But those who were responsible for the atrocities committed on the people must not escape punishment We can show neither fear nor favour in punishing them. He called the attention of Provincial Premiers and Ministers to this matter. He wanted the Viceroy also to take note of it. He disclosed that the Viceroy had been suggested to him not to oppress officials His reply was he had no intention to oppress them, but had also made it clear more than once that he was not prepared in any case to sit with officials guilty of wrongs during 1942 whether they were British as Indians. The services he said were fossilised in their mental outlook. British officers in particular looked to the Muslim League for sympathy and collaboration They were in effect members of the Muslim League. With the League and the British contingent still lived in the mediaval age mentally The British Government in England might be free in their promises, but had to depend for their success in India and he guessed by their policies. The British in India talked of quitting India but at the same time plotted to impede our progress

Sardar On League Tactics

In moving the second resolution ratifying the decision to form the Interim Government Sardar Patel traced the history of the formation of the Interim Government and the latest developments and said What is being done today is with the object of getting the Government of the Interim Government We shall not allow ourselves to be caught in this net We joined the Government with the full and frank determination to remain there. We have no intention of leaving it voluntarily. The only way to make us resign is to dismiss us or to convince us that continuance in it is futile. He explained at length how the Centre had no power to prevent or put down the riots in East Bengal and said If you want independence you must learn to unlearn your ways and your neighbours and allow helpless people. You should not run to the army or the police for protection. The proud might be asked said the Sardar if they were helpless why did they not resign He wanted them to understand that the British Government was not the Muslim League and the British and the Muslim League were friends and unwilling that British lives they could not possibly pay here longer they wanted to help their friends, the Muslim League. He only asked to maintain the effect of the alliance it was necessary in the Congress to pay in the Government. We can break this Government any moment I tell you We shall not do it only after finishing the task of the British as my colleagues. He did not accept the theory that the "rise in East he put went the work of a gentleman It was a game played to achieve political ends and the devil I think knows all people in the Bengal tragedy did not at all as so much as those leaders conversions Death in any day preferable to forcible conversion There could be no peace unless those who disturbed the peace suffered and felt the agony He appealed to God's mercy for a stoppage of the dis-

turbances, because the British access were not only doing harm to the country but were bringing in this a name into disrepute abroad. "Whatever you do, do it by the method of peace and love. You may succeed by the sword but that sword will be met by the sword. Pakistan cannot be achieved by the sword or by bloodshed. If you want to get Pakistan by those means then there will be no peace in India. He concluded with an appeal to use violence if necessary in self defence and not do violence to others. Replying to the debate he reiterated his conviction that the sword must be met by the sword. Mahatma Gandhi had said that it was better to use violence than be a coward. His appeal people to adopt violence in self defence and only in self-defence is in defiance of neighbours. He gave this advice because there was no Government at the centre at present. The present Central Government during the transference of power was in a state of paralysis. The British are quitting and are not under obligation with them if we help them to push their interests.

Testing Time For Congressmen

In moving the resolution on the communal award Mr. Rajendra Prasad said the happenings in the country were such as to make us hang our heads low in shame. It was the duty of Congressmen to stop them and to carry the message of harmony to the farthest limit. He recognised that what was all preached sinful was because Hindu and for the other side to intend itself with an alliance. But there could be an increase in retaliation which brought them to the impression. Maulana Azad said Jessalmer sparks have now started a fatal fire breaking in communal all over. The only organisation that can deal with it is the Congress. As a national organisation it could unite in itself the solution to the present malady. If the Congress fails in this aspect by very ideals and to small in this communal manner then it will disintegrate and vanish. The Congress should honour the burden (?) attaching all To the Congressmen it should be a matter whether it be a Hindu or a Muslim who is in large. What matters in the Congress is a question whether it is an Indian or not. We should remember that the Congress aims at having a Muslim in the Cabinet even at the cost of Hindu majority. It had been decided by the Congress to have a Muslim in the Cabinet even at the cost of Hindu majority. It had been decided by the Congress to have a Muslim in the Cabinet even at the cost of Hindu majority. It had been decided by the Congress to have a Muslim in the Cabinet even at the cost of Hindu majority.

Nehru's Revelations

Pandit Nehru said he was shocked at the suggested disfigurement of Muslim in Bihar riots but by interested parties. The Muslim League he said adopted brutal tactics. League leaders like Hitler indulged in hymn of hatred and violence. The League had no constructive programme for the country or for Muslim masses. Pandit Nehru as a prominent member of the League Council felt like that he as a raised Muslim was living here. Mr. Jinnah's place the League's constructive programme before the Muslim masses but Mr. Jinnah replied that any such programme would lead to differences and threaten to the Muslim League existence. Hatred of Hindus was a thing here, Mr. Jinnah said. The programme of the League was to preach hatred against the Congress and Hindus. But Pandit went on I am not afraid of being the only Congressman in the country but no Muslim in the League. Who matters in the Congress is not whether it is an Indian or not. We should remember that the Congress aims at having a Muslim in the Cabinet even at the cost of Hindu majority. It had been decided by the Congress to have a Muslim in the Cabinet even at the cost of Hindu majority. It had been decided by the Congress to have a Muslim in the Cabinet even at the cost of Hindu majority.

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The London Parleys

The assurance from Mr Attlee, which decided Pandit Nehru to leave for London, is couched in these terms. "The object of our talks would be to try and ensure a successful meeting of the Constituent Assembly on Dec. 9. There is no intention of abandoning either its decision of the Assembly to meet on the plan put forward by the Cabinet delegation. It is our desire to see that this is made effective in full and not by alteration or alter it that has prompted us to ask you and your colleagues to come to London." Mr Attlee's assurance to Quaid-i-Azam Jinnah is as follows: "There is nothing in all the telegrams to Pandit Nehru to prejudice full consideration of all points of view. The League were free to interpret the statement of the whole problem is to be discussed. It is to be remembered in this connection that after Mr Attlee's Under Secretary for India made a statement in the House of Commons on the 19th May, Woodrow Wyatt the Labour Member who recently met Sir Stafford Cripps in India as mentioned, asked if Mr Henderson would make it clear that [illegible] instead of holding the [illegible] of the Muslim League [illegible] the Interim Government would be formed [illegible] Nehru never took objection to [illegible] Failure never lasted long [illegible] was retained in [illegible] it would have led by this time [illegible] sign of God Muslims were giving them an assurance that they want peace among Hindus and Muslims. He did not believe they would endanger their work. Either he would die before seeing their words disgraced. He would not believe [illegible] He advised the Congress to return home with courage and believing in the words of Mr. Mr. Saheed Ali and communal regret for all that had passed—the most regrettable occurrences being [illegible] Never [illegible] He accepted the [illegible] on behalf of the Bengal Government that such a thing would not occur in the future so long as the League Ministry remained in office and calamity responsible for this would be severely punished. He also hailed the devastation had been serious in some places. He said he was trying to remove ill feeling between the two communities as it creates a peaceful atmosphere so that Hindus and Muslims might again live together as brothers. He had got an assurance from local Muslims. Hindus had been hurt and hurt seriously. But everywhere there was a sense of Muslims told him that they were sorry for what had happened as that they would see that nothing happened in future. God willing, he hoped he would succeed in creating that atmosphere.

Though it cannot be said that fear and panic have altogether subsided Gandhiji's mission seems to be bearing fruit. A message dated November 28 from Srirampur says that as many as [illegible] refugees in the village are coming back as [illegible] that have [illegible] Gandhiji's mission [illegible] assurance that they would be safe [illegible] Muslims [illegible] Hindus [illegible] Muslims [illegible] Hindus [illegible] Muslims [illegible] Hindus

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The League's Attitude

On November 25 at Karachi Mr Jinnah said: I have never for a single moment conveyed to the Viceroy anything by way of acceptance or alternative except that the long-term plan could only be considered and decided by the Council of the All India Muslim League. He wanted "the question of exchange of populations" to be immediately taken up to avoid brutal resurgence of that which had taken place where small minorities have been butchered by the overwhelming majorities. He said the same time asked all the communalists in Sind to be loyal to the minister and to establish a spirit of co-operation and harmony so that we men work together for the man in the street who is often forgotten." On the 29th he said: It was easier for the Hindus of Sind to adopt questionable methods and disrupt the tasks of the Muslim League. These fighting against the League were their enemies and Sind Muslims shall beware of them. Yet he said it was their duty to protect the minority communities in Sind.

Exchange Of Populations

Mr Jinnah's proposal for the exchange of populations has raised a storm of criticism. Mr Chintamani Krishna said: Mr Jinnah's scheme of establishing Pakistan in the Punjab will mean per cent Muslim populations on the village with 42 per cent. non Muslim population and in Assam with the non Muslim population in a majority was highly fantastic and impracticable scheme. Please tell [illegible] of population in still more impracticable and impracticable than the original Pakistan scheme. The real position is divided that [illegible] the alienage and antagonism created by politicians there has really been an antagonism or alienation between the two communities. They have lived in peace together for centuries. By unnatural leaders of both communities to drive in manure harmony and [illegible] Hindustan Times Sardar Swaran Singh Deputy Minister of the Punjab said that the Sikhs in the Punjab would not tolerate any more to this end.

Mr Jinnah completely forgets that the Punjab is the homeland of the Sikhs where their sacred shrines, famous temples, peoples and legends educational institutions are situated. Mr Ali Zaheer, former member of the Interim Government speaking at the Lucknow University, referred to Mr Jinnah's proposal, and asked: Is it feasible in any way? Can a Muslim from the N W F P be happily accommodated with a Muslim, or vice versa? Whatever reasoning may be given to the Pakistan demand the silver surface was polluted in that the League would not have talked of two nations. Pakistan or no Pakistan said Mr Zaheer we shall have to live together in India as brothers."

The *Statesman* calls it a counsel of despair and says: "Modern European experience has shown that Hindus can be affected though all terrible cost in bombing and on nothing like the scale that would be necessary to wreck the millions of the Indian problem. As a solution even to the limited problem of the plight of small minorities it fails to appeal."

Communal Situation

Mr Jinnah's suggestion, however, is not new. It was the main activities of the League in Bihar. The Bihar Government were doing their best for the refugees, and Mr Mozaddin Joint secretary of the Bihar Muslim League who is in charge of one of the camps assured us on behalf of the Government. Mr Liaquat Ali Khan and the League from Baluchistan said he had no complaint against the Government as far as the quality and supply of food was concerned. The latter fed well, in fact, wanted because people took more than what they needed. The camp housing over 5000 refugees consisting of 1435 women, 1471 children and 1690 men, was being provided with facilities of association lighting sanitation water supply and food on behalf of the Provincial Government and Mr Lal Muhammad. They had also provided in large number of wells and sufficient for cooking and drinking for the camp. A hospital with 10 beds two medical men [illegible] camp with for mothers expectant mothers, and children below 5 years were blankets mosquito management in the hands of League workers, were aware of the sanitary of the camp. The Government Relief Commissioner on the other hand complained that the mentality of the refugees were simply using one to get food, but they were being doled by the League workers from doing so and were being persuaded to migrate either to Bengal or Sind. In fact many of the League workers frankly admitted to the pressure that they were out to make political capital from the present situation and in pursuance of that policy they would encourage the refugees to migrate to provinces like Bengal and Sind. It is noteworthy that no Muslims from Bihar proper speak against the Government. Where local people can talk to themselves they make joint efforts for establishing peace and harmony as in Colaba where joint units of the Congress and the League are carrying on peace propaganda Khan Bahadur Omar, District Magistrate Monghyr (Bihar) said in a press interview on the 25th: "In the course of my tours I have come across a number of cases in which in spite of communal disturbances in certain parts of South Monghyr Muslims have continued to live in their villages peacefully and in perfect harmony with their Hindu neighbours in village Parkam the Hindus of Phaili and adjoining villages have been doing Marvel work in keeping the local Muslims in safety and there has been no occurrence there. In village Gulimpur which is a large Hindu village, there are only two Muslim families, and they have never had any trouble. They never thought of living themselves as they were quite happy. Village Bidnar, which is inhabited by Muslims only but is surrounded on all sides by Hindu villages, has remained absolutely peaceful and normal. In village Mahadeopur there are only eight families of Muslims against a large population of Hindus, and I found perfect harmony among them. There are many such instances which have come to my notice." (The District Magistrate by the way, is a Muslim as the name will indicate.) And thus here Indians lived for centuries until the League came with the demand for 'spilt India.' That is the measure of opinion. For instance the Central Standing Committee of the All India Shia Political Conference passed last week a resolution reiterating its opinion that the present communal disturbances were the direct result of the Muslim League demand for Pakistan and the propaganda undertaken in this behalf. The Committee was satisfied at the solidarity effected in the country through the efforts of Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Nehru. The Hindu Mahasabha has appealed to the Congress not to withdraw from the Interim Government. It assures the Congress that the entire Hindu world and the Hindu Mahasabha will stand behind them and will fight to the last in the Independence and unity of India in association with the Congress.

Other News

The Chief Secretary of the Cochin Government stated in the State Legislative Council on the 28th that the Government was considering the question of the abolition of untouchability in the State and it is possible that an announcement on the subject may be made shortly. An equally important piece of information to communal is an A.P.I. message from Madras dated November 21 which says: "A mass to throw open the well known pilgrim centre of South India, the Venkateshwara Temple at Tirupati Hill top to Harijans has been made by the Tirupati Devasthanam Committee. The Committee has passed a resolution holding that it is high time that the disability of Harijans to worship in the sacred shrine should be removed. It has also decided to request the Government to accept the necessary permission for Harijan entry into the temple after ascertaining the opinion of the Hindu worshipping public. "There does not appear to be any perceptible opposition to temple entry in the province," said Shri Kodi Rasdi Minister of Madras for Excise and Hindu Religious Endowments, on the 26th after a tour in Salem and Coimbatore Districts. In one village several women approached him and pleaded for the abolition of the untouchables. The Minister spoke of harmonious relations between Hindus and Muslims in the places he visited. In one place in Salem District, i.e. Nagalpuram district he addressed a monument meeting at a mosque where the tricolour flag was hoisted and a address of welcome was presented by Muslims. The people in the prohibition districts were enthusiastically working the scheme, and many ministers stated they would rather pay more tax than allow the Government to reopen the toddy shops.

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Things In General

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Victory For New World Order

Interviewed at New York before her departure for India Mrs. Pandit, leader of the Indian delegation to UNO described the decision by the the United General Assembly on the South African—India dispute as "a victory for the new world order which we are trying to evolve." Although she praised the Soviet for its more liberal approach to world problems than Britain and America, Mrs. Pandit emphatically denied that because India and Russia were lined up on the same side in many questions this indicated that India intended becoming a Soviet satellite. "India has no intention of becoming a satellite of any group, no matter how powerful. We desire the friendship of all nations of the earth and could always be found on the side of justice and truth," she said.

Mrs Pandit Congratulated

The Hindu Association, Salisbury, (S. Rhodesia), sent a cable message to Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, congratulating her and the members of the Indian delegation for "their outstanding success in dealing with the South African question.

Nations That Voted In Favour Of French-Mexican Resolution

The following countries voted for the French Mexican resolution asking both Governments (India and the Union) to report at the next General Assembly what measures they have taken about the treatment of Indians in South Africa:—Afghanistan, Byelo Russia, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dominican, Egypt, Ethiopia Fiance, Guatemala, Haiti Honduras, Iceland, India, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon Liberia, Mexico, Norway Panama, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Ukraine Soviet Union Uruguay Venezuela, and Yugoslavia.

The following countries voted against it:—Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica El Salvador (Brazil, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand Nicaragua, Paraguay Peru, South Africa, United Kingdom United States.

The abstentions were Australia, Bolivia, Brazil Denmark Ecuador, Sweden and Turkey

Britain Could Do Nothing

Mr D N Pritt (Independent Labour) asked the Prime Minister Mr Attlee in the House of Commons if he had considered a cable sent to him from the Joint Passive Resistance Council of the Natal and the Transvaal Indian Congress, dated December 8, setting out the grievances of the Indians in South Africa on the question of colour discrimination and what answer he had received The Prime Minister said "As has been stated on previous occasions the question of the position of Indians in South Africa is one on which it would be proper for His Majesty's Government to the United Kingdom to intervene. It was not possible, therefore, to comply with the request in the telegram referred to."

Moslem League Success In Sind

The Moslem League has secured an absolute majority in the elections to the Sind Legislative Assembly as a result of which the Premier of Sind is assured of a stable Ministry for the first time since the introduction of provincial autonomy in 1937 With the results of elsewhere in only two constituencies still outstanding the position of the parties in the House of 60 members is: Moslem League 34, Congress 19 European 3 and Nationalist Moslems 3.

India's First Ambassador To U.S.A.

Mr Asaf Ali member of the Interim Government, has been appointed India's first Ambassador to the United States, says an official announcement from New Delhi.

Mr Damodar Bhuwanidas

Mr Damodar Bhuwanidas president of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Lourenco Marques, has come for the first time on a visit to the Union He has just completed his tour of the Transvaal and the Cape and returned to Durban He paid a visit to Mahatma Gandhi at Phoenix Settlement yesterday He has left by train this afternoon for Lourenco Marques.

Mr V M Maistry Honoured

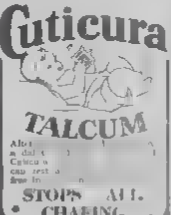
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A Prayer For The New Year

THIS Christian world is having the gayest time after six years of war-weariness. For the first time since the War does Christmas seem to be so bright. After the ordeal sufferings they have undergone they are entitled to the little pleasure the All Merciful God has given them. But the after effects of War are no less distressing than the War itself and those who are rejoicing, today are not doing so with hearts as light as they used to be in pre-war days. When one thinks of those days one cannot help hearing a sigh of distress that though the War has ended we are no where near those happy days when the world was almost carefree. The present gaiety is therefore to be short-lived—just for this Festive season. And we have to be thankful to the Almighty that we are better off than many to this world. That thought should humble us and make us more prayerful rather than joyful.

When we look around us thoughtfully we hardly find anything that is cheering to our heart or giving peace to our mind. The War has made the world unbalanced. It ought to have humbled us. Instead it seems to have deprived us of all the human values which we had cherished so long. True, we have not become cannibals but there seems to be much less regard and concern for human life now than there used to be in pre-war days. The War has ended. But is there peace? Can it be seen anywhere in this world? Does it exist in Europe? Does it exist in America or Asia? It would require divine eyes to behold it and it does.

Whilst man with all his intellectual power is striving to bring peace to the world and before he can succeed in one part Nature in another part with all its fury is destroying all the progress it can point to. Look what has happened in Japan while we are happily enjoying Christmas. As result of an earthquake the roads have been killed and thousands have been rendered homeless.

Look in India. There we find men have become beasts. Here is no respect of chastity of the woman or love for human life. Hardly a day passes without shedding of blood. Women have been raped, people have been burnt alive, property worth hundreds of lakhs of rupees has been destroyed. The taken place in many [illegible] Warfare is still going on in full force in [illegible] there is quite [illegible] There is the [illegible] we have witnessed [illegible] labour strikes [illegible] America and the Coal Miners strike [illegible] Africa [illegible] strike in Ceylon and in Burma and elsewhere.

The war came to our own trouble in South Africa when it concerns us Indians. Our men and women young and old are undergoing untold hardships for the last six months because the rulers of this country are determined to [illegible] human rights. The white man in this country thinks he is superior to the one who through no fault of his own is an unbleached skin. The white man will not be polluted so long as the man with a dark skin does not [illegible] The colour question is [illegible] next door to India [illegible] has ever thought that India can be morally economically and educationally higher than the lowest. The colour question has [illegible] deprived him of the right to live in this country except by respecting [illegible] It is in the wall that we are trying to break by refusing to submit to the law which we consider unjust [illegible] degrading and humiliating the penalty.

Thus as we see it [illegible] the end of the [illegible] year we find peace nowhere. There is deep depression everywhere. In the place of the mind's linking [illegible] among those who [illegible] plenty.

The [illegible] with the leaders [illegible] due to the [illegible] of the people [illegible] lessons to learn [illegible] would be right [illegible] Is the [illegible] enough [illegible] leaders [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

GENERAL SMUTS ON UNO DECISION

[illegible] MARSHAL SMUTS [illegible] Minister of the [illegible] made two important [illegible] Pretoria on Friday, [illegible] when he referred [illegible] increase on India in [illegible] ab at the treatment [illegible] in the Union.

[illegible] hardest mistakes made [illegible] to tell South Africa, [illegible] go! the later [illegible] and General [illegible] a luncheon given in [illegible] by the Administra- [illegible] the Immoval General [illegible] Hertzog, in the Pretoria [illegible] Hall. "I say to my country [illegible] to the world if this word [illegible] and UNO will go.

"We did not regard what had [illegible] and as final and decisive [illegible] and not judge UNO by [illegible] as he added.

"The Great Powers to ensure [illegible] have the veto. His [illegible] Court in our case [illegible] limit. I want no [illegible] these guttering [illegible] talk with ring on— [illegible] I want a court [illegible] can work that [illegible] I say to me or [illegible]

[illegible] this veto—the [illegible] had made by the [illegible] to justice [illegible] and the [illegible]

[illegible] I can be [illegible] ash out in [illegible] kept very [illegible] pith. They [illegible] to the African [illegible] nals. They [illegible] be ready if [illegible] think—we [illegible] can [illegible] may be all [illegible]

[illegible] because it [illegible] ally very big [illegible] And We must see [illegible] own. That is the [illegible] to which UNO is [illegible]

[illegible] ds we see the end of [illegible] war we need not talk about liberty equality or any of those other things. You will be in the ground. All those fine eloquent will disappear and never be heard of again in the matty universe. We shall have ended our career on this globe I think.

All this evidence goes to show that we are at the end [illegible] to take time unless we [illegible] Therefore I appeal [illegible] the United Nations be [illegible] NO new. If UNO [illegible] I can I am [illegible] and to [illegible] a way I shall [illegible] of South Africa.

Let us prevent UNO from committing suicide. If only [illegible] aims objectives can be achieved, then I shall forgive UNO for all the hasty [illegible] has given me."

Earlier in his address General Smuts said: "The march of South Africa goes on because it is doing its job right, and nobody will stop it—neither Axis nor Americo.

"Do not look upon me as a defeated man. The battle is not yet finished and we shall continue, assured that the end will be ascertained with which this insanity could not be disappointed and of which, certainly, we need not be ashamed."

General Smuts said:

South Africa need not regard what had happened at UNO as more than a setback.

Those they did not know what our country is, whether it is black or white or any other colour.

That had been the attitude prevailing at UNO but it was certainly not the prevailing attitude in Europe and America.

When one thought back from that point to UNO one was in a different world. People don't realise it here in the world generally, people are only beginning to realise now what has happened.

"For the first time in history, we are bringing together all mankind, all the races, colours, ideologies into one meeting. Questions are decided by votes. It is the majority that votes, and the majority of mankind are not Europeans. They are different people—black, yellow, coloured.

It was not only South Africa that realised what was coming over the world. People were beginning to realise that the old European bloc which had been the driving force of human civilisation, which had made all the advances in every field of human development was in a minority.

"They have been brought into a co-up where they are a minority, and where can it get acted

MOSCOW ON U.K.'s BRITISH IMPERIALISM

"TAKE [illegible] to force Africa into a new military vantage ground of British Imperialism was clearly discernible in the British delegation's stand in the UNO General Assembly debate on South Africa's claim to South West Africa," said a Moscow Radio commentator in a broadcast last week.

London welcomed General Smuts's effort to follow in the footsteps of Cecil Rhodes, and the shade of Cecil Rhodes, the ideologist of British Nineteenth Century Imperialism was constantly over Sir Hartley Shawcross the British delegate at the General Assembly, said the commentator.

Mahatma Gandhi's Warning

Speaking at Shirampur, Mahatma Gandhi said that **unless Europe changed its ways a third and more disastrous war would occur "unless the people of Europe shed violence from their hearts no peace can be had."**

At a prayer meeting in Eastern Bengal Mahatma Gandhi denied rumours that he is planning a satyagraha throughout India to achieve unity between Hindus and Moslems. He said game and understanding between the two communities could not be achieved by satyagraha.

Mahatma Gandhi is reported to have decided to test his theory of non-violence by making a walking tour through those areas of East Bengal where enmity between Moslems and Hindus is at its highest.

A fundamental change had occurred. Those who through the ages had been the underdogs in human history were now in a very different position. A situation had been created which needed very careful handling.

"That is not the final stage. We all have to learn. UNO itself will have to learn its lessons and if it does not it will go bust.

You cannot imagine that the rest of mankind will look on and see themselves subjected by a majority that has entirely different views.

"I am not afraid. All that we want is liberty and patience and people to learn. At [illegible] I heard nothing but the word 'equality,' those

been a student of literature or politics of civilisation for a long [illegible] and that word is not a new one.

"According to our immemorial equality is a new word. There is no equality in this country—as in this earth in fact, here in South Africa the coloured man since not look on the native as his equal. The Indian does not look on the native as his equal. It is the traditional attitude of man and you will not change it.

In Cairo to-day the Jew and the Arab did not regard each other as equal. The British authorities had appointed the Chief Justice of Palestine to consider the questions and he had come to the conclusion that there was no solution except partition. "Does that sound like equality; it sounds to me very much like an Act that we passed in this country last year.

"If you want to prevent progress, internal strife and slaughter, keep people apart. Do not bother about equality it does not fit the facts at all. They found that out in South Africa, in Jerusalem and, in my estimation, they are finding that in India, too.

"I think we are on safe ground on essentials. We want to keep the peace in South Africa. We can only keep it among our heterogeneous elements by setting them out fairly and decently, and so keep the show going and the army marching on."

"We have created a Charter by which the World Court is one of the fundamentals. I claim that the right to go to a Court is a fundamental human right

"In the interest of UNO it was the most fatal mistake to deny a nation respecting State the right of going to the Court.

At The United Party Women's Meeting

At the meeting of the United Party Women at the Witwatersrand at Pretoria, referring to the difficulties he had encountered in New York, the Prime Minister said:

"For the first time in history we have brought together the whole of mankind in one body to search for peace, and two-thirds of that body are coloured. The other third will have to sit up. They have always been the ruling power. They still are. For how long, who knows?

"It is such a world as to put me you find the majority dumbfoundered with you and confidence, you don't let it break your hearts. If you had thought it out carefully

beforehand you have anticipated it.

"The idea of human equality was dominant at UNO, the Prime Minister said. "If it is applied to South Africa, we are all since the difficulties in which we are placed we, a couple of millions of Whites in Africa surrounded by 150 coolness Col coureds.

"If there is to be equality in all respects where do we stand in? Has we can better each other? It is a concept which does not fit the facts in South Africa

"The idea of equality simply does not work. It does not work here in South Africa or anywhere in the world"

Referring to the situation in Natal, the Prime Minister declared "I will stand by Natal as long as Natal stands by me."

In Natal the Europeans said they could not tolerate the penetration of Indians into European areas. They were prepared to live in peace with the Indians to submit to the idea of equality but they said, "Please don't rub us all up." That was the spirit of the Law passed through Parliament at last session. It submitted both Indian and European to the same sacking out process. The statements made by the Indians about the Act were so absurd as to be quite ridiculous

"What we stand for in South Africa is inhuman and unjust. As long as we are fair and just we shall be able to defend ourselves and eventually things will come right.

Today it is we that are under the narrow Decision are being taken to say which may be reversed or become obsolete as the issues—but not be dismayed by set backs blows and insults."

Emphasising the principle of fairness and justice for all the Prime Minister said

Certain things were happening in South Africa to which the country ought to pay attention. He had heard a good deal about them abroad—things which he had been unable to defend.

They knew that the Native people suffered even more from inadequate housing than did the Europeans.

"They also know that we are not allowed to train Natives to build their own houses for their own occupation. That was being at one in London and in New York. What could I, as Prime Minister, answer, Nothing; because it is a fact. When I say we must be just and fair, this is the sort of thing I mean.

"There was only one labour thing South Africa could do in the interest of justice and fairness. "There is the result of the tendency in South Africa to look at a man's skin and judge him by that. A man is not the same as another man because he has the same skin. We have in South Africa, Malays, Bantu and Indians. They are not all the same because they have the same skin. We have certainly to consider whether we are not going the fair to final removal.

Why treat all with a skin of a different colour on the same level which is the bottom level in this country? A man with a different and our skin with qualities of leadership high training and education should not be matched the position which is the lowest level of his colour"

These principles had been refused by countries which were friends of South Africa —countries which would stand by South Africa through thick and thin.

"If we are wise, much of the storm which has blown over us may be in the good of South Africa

[redacted]

meet on possibly approve of colour as with any form of safeguards in any form of protection for anybody"

He said he would like as it policy to be held into how vast features came to be annexed by a law in its despite heavy losses, particularly the heavy losses that which [illegible] man complained during the war

Pakistan Would Not Solve Indian Problem

Addressing a public meeting of 100 000 Indians at Benares recently Pandit Nehru said Pakistan would not solve the Indian problem. He added that the Moslem League had achieved nothing but hatred among people who had been living peacefully for centuries.

Gandhiji On London Talks

In his first public reference to the London talks with the Indian leaders Mahatma Gandhi said on December 18 that talks showed that Indians should make their decision after careful deliberation having full regard to truth and justice and then stick to that decision whatever the consequences Pandit Nehru the Vice-President of the Government had not returned home

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SIR RAZA ALI'S OFFER TO GENERAL SMUTS

WILL HE ACCEPT IT?

A HALLE[illegible] o General Smuts [illegible] m of the Union of South Africa [illegible] to grant the Indian community there the same statutory rights as the Depressed Classes have to India, in exchange for Syed Raza Ali former Indian High Commissioner in South Africa, in a comprehensive statement in reply to the speech made recently by General Smuts before the Pakistan and Legal Committee of the UNO.

Syed Raza Ali says "In treating India's case against the Union, General Smuts has made an amazing speech before the United Nations General Assembly. Like a clever lawyer, while refusing to state his case on the merits of India, he has mentioned seven points which are like stock arguments of those South African whites who do not know the India of today. The General seems to have adopted the cautious attitude of one willing to wound but afraid to strike.

"But the best, the richest, the most cultured and the aristocratic Indian has my unreal status in South Africa. Let a deputation appointed by the General Assembly visit the railway stations post offices, cinemas hotels restaurants, tramways buses and steamers of South Africa to see things for itself.

I remember the humiliation to which I was subjected during my stay in the Union as High Commissioner for India when the white lift boy having discovered from my white dress that we were Indians, refused to operate the lift At Lourenco Marques which is practically under the Union Government's management the white waiters refused to serve lunch to a fairly large party of [illegible] guests because some of them were Indians What a grand 'social status' for Indians to enjoy

In spite of the great care taken by General Smuts to paint a rosy picture of the South African Indians [illegible] there is enough in his respected speech to reveal to a candid observer how unbelievable that the lot of all Asiatics, especially Indians, in that country must be. Enumerating the rights enjoyed by them he makes special mention of their right to own immovable property and live in any place they carry on trade, business or profession they like, with as much freedom as is enjoyed by Mr Jeeraj or Pandit Nehru.

The strength of the present Indian Government is 14, of whom two belong to the Depressed Classes—one nominated by the Congress and the other by the Muslim League.

May I make an offer to General Smuts? India will be quite ready to settle the whole question with the Union Government if General Smuts gives the same statutory rights to the domiciled Indians in South Africa, as the Depressed Classes have in India—no more or no less.

Worst Form Of Slavery

As for monumental crashes in India General Smuts should to be the last man to forget what happened to South Africa in 1899-1902. The loss of life and destruction of property in those disturbances is yet only a trifle of the total losses suffered by Boer and Briton in that war. The future is on the knees of the gods, but I am confident that the Congress and the Congress will meekly harness the easy ones our present difficulties can afford no moral justification to General Smuts for outbidding the Nationalist Party to enslaving our people in the Union.

Let the world beware that what is euphemistically said to compulsorily called segregation in South Africa perpetuates some of the worst forms of slavery, crushing the soul of the people against whom it is practised. Indeed segregation is to genocide. What is the difference? It is warfare. One exterminates the body, the other kills the soul.

General Smuts's plea of domestic jurisdiction is a drowning man's desperate attempt to save himself by catching a straw. A true rampant phrase of the United Nations Charter will show that the law is not so foolish as to place the fulfilment of the oppressive and meaningless argument of the "poor white" above a friendly adjustment of relations between East and West which must be achieved if we are to avoid a third world.

Agreement Ignored

By the Capetown Agreement solemnly entered into by the Government of India and the Union Government in 1927 a permanent solution of the Indian question was arrived at. In return for the pledge given by the Union Government to treat the Indians as an integral part of the population and to recognise for their upliftment we agreed to look after our own needs of life, adopting Western standard of living and thus being lost to the Mother country. But instead of carrying out the terms of the agreement the Union Government started a campaign of anti-Indian legislation which culminated in the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act.

A tragedy is enacted in South Africa. The irony of it is that the aid of the Charter is being invoked in support of the lawless law. It is not the Union Government but the General Assembly that is on trial. The short point is, will it allow the law of the jungle to prevail?

COLOUR BAR IN PORT ELIZABETH

MR G NAIDOO of Port Elizabeth purchased land of Westview Township a new European residential area. This has caused a stir in the Port Elizabeth City Council.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee recommended to the Council that all the sales at Westview except the property bought by Mr G. Naidoo should be confirmed. When this came before the council it was moved that the matter should be taken in committee.

The chairman of the Parks, Estates and Town Attractions Committee, Mr W C Adcock, said he wanted to make a public statement but as the motion to go into committee had already been seconded, and carried the mayor could not allow him to speak. Mr Adcock: In that case I shall have no alternative but to hand my statement to the Press.

"I learned that, in committee, a legal ruling was read which informed that the council had no legal right to refrain from confirming the sale. One member said that the Finance Committee's recommendation was to confirm all the sales except one.

I repeat emphatically that it remained with the person who purchased was not confirmed to take whatever action he desired, and the council could defend it."

During further discussion Mr C. F. McArthur suddenly asked that the vote should be taken. This was carried by a majority of one and, on a vote of protest, Mrs. P. M. Holland Mr J. Mclean, M.E., Mr G W Schafin and Mr Adcock left the Chamber. Mrs. Holland later said that it was a most vital issue, and as they had not been allowed to speak they had walked out in protest.

Mr Adcock subsequently handed a statement to the Press to the effect that he could not in conscience remain silent. He considered that the council would do the fair thing by Mr Naidoo. If his application to Mr Naidoo's property in Irvine Street to which he wishes to effect improvements.

"When passed the plans in the election of the house, Mr Adcock adds, but, human of the Indians issue today the council has rejected the plans on the threadbare issue of the nuisance of the neighbourhood.

Mr Adcock's reference to the neighbourhood is in the adjoining streets which he says, are almost entirely coloured areas.

"I do not admire Mr Naidoo's attitude in buying a plot at Westview simply in spite because we turned down his plans, but I am in a position to say that, if we pass the plans for the improvement of his property at the end of Irvine Street he will withdraw his purchase at the Westview plot.

OUR INDIA LETTER

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Bardoli, December ;

A SOMERSAULT

THE main points in the British Government's statement are: (1) Election to the Realms, in the absence of an agreement to the contrary to be taken by a simple majority vote; the Congress view being that the statement, read as a whole, means that the provisions have the right to decide both as to grouping and as to their own constitutions.) Paragraphs 19 (5) and (8), as so interpreted, must therefore be considered as an essential part of the scheme of May 16. It should therefore be accepted by all parties in the Constituent Assembly. (2) The Federal Court to be asked to decide matters of interpretation that may be referred to it by either side. (3) With regard to paragraphs 19 (5) and (8) "it in spite of this reaffirmation of the intention of the Cabinet Mission the Constituent Assembly decides that the Indian musical point should be referred for a decision such a reference should be made at a very early date." (4) Should the constitution come to be framed by a Constituent Assembly in which a large section of the Indian population has not been represented. His Majesty's Government would not of course, contemplate—as the Congress have stated, they would not contemplate—forcing such a constitution upon any unwilling parts of the country.

The immediate reaction to the statement, among nationalists therein, is one of resentment and disappointment at the manner in which the British Government under the present ministry as interpretation, have issued paragraph according to them and never mature. The last *Statesman* is interpreted by independent observers to be "on good re-arming the minority with the power of veto which the British Prime Minister declared it should not have." In this respect it is a complete somersault, and a wave of complaint has spread regarding the home side of the British international. These observers also point out the latest statement in putting forward an interpretation which, they say really goes beyond and contradicts the original statement in many respects. "The most unreasonable thing that His Majesty's Government could have ever done," said Shri Gopinath Bardoli the Premier of Assam at New Delhi "I hope the Congress will not accept it." Representative Assam opinion was, the *Statesman* in a report from New Delhi, "that members returned to the Constituent Assembly from this province had a mandate to oppose the formation of groups and had no power to go beyond or beyond that measure, if His Majesty's Government's interpretation of the statement of May 16 is final and irrevocable the only way in which members from Assam could carry out their mandate would be to keep out of the Constituent Assembly." The Sikh view the minor report goes on to say, was put thus by a prominent representative "We are opposed to grouping. We will not allow anyone to dominate us. His Majesty's Government's latest statement is not in accord with the spirit of their earlier pronouncements. After all in the Punjab Muslims are numerically larger than the combined Hindu-Sikh opposition. If an constitution is to be forced upon any unwilling parts of the population then no group constitution can possibly be forced upon 10,000,000 Muslims who wish to do so. We shall not be stampeded into any precipitate course of action. We must await the arrival at Bombay Baldev Singh. We will also see what the League proposes to do in the groups. On the 6th Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan made a plea that the pro- and backward provinces of the North-West Frontier, which needs aid from the Centre supported, should be left out of the proposed grouping scheme.

The Forces Behind The Decision

The latest statement of His Majesty's Government indicates a definite swing of the British Government towards Turkish Congress tendencies. Recent speeches allayed that British elements in India and the Muslim League are acting in combination. Reports from England indicate a growing alarm among right wing Labourites against the bold policy of the Nehru Government. Pandit Nehru's Frontier visit seems to have been a sore point with these The London *Times* in a special article raised an alarm on this subject. Another team of the Indian question which is embarrassing the British is the South African Indians complaint to the UNO and the suppression of General Smuts before world opinion" says the London correspondent of the Sunday weekly, the *Social Welfare* "Ideologically the Indian complaint is a significant attack on the moral basis of the British Commonwealth. In this connection it is interesting to see the controlled indignation of the London *Times* which gives hearty backhanded to South African attacks on India and keeps silent over the Indian replies.

In an illuminating special article which appeared in the *Sunday Chronicle* on the 1st instant Mr. H. N. Brailsford discussed the background of the recent "rebellion" in the Labour Party on foreign policy He has made some significant remarks. Mr Harris, with the Prime Minister behind him, is carrying on a policy of realities with a sometimes sense of possibility. Those two words throughout the years of the War, the most loyal of Churchillian Mushmanis and to some extent their thinking was shaped by him. In his terms he is today one of the Foreign Secretary's steadiest supporters His (Mr Harris's) policy has been without qualification "British and Imperial" with strategy in the foreground." After the latest statement, it is feared the remarks will apply equally to the British Prime Minister's India policy also

Sardar's Speeches

Having been a helpless witness to the tragedies recently enacted, in spite of his being the first Indian Home Member of the Central Government Sardar Patel has, since the Meerut Congress, gained all his energy to a number of speeches at Nagpur and Bombay Referring to Mr. Jinnah's suggestion for a "parley at the top" he said "Even if a hundred Jinnahs were to attempt it do it such attempts would be impossible. You must learn to meet the grounds manner without the aid of the police or the military You must become the police yourselves and your neighbours, violently or non violently, against those who attack you To Congressmen in particular he said that it was their task to preach inter-communal harmony and case tension, wherever it existed. He was glad that the C.P. was free from communal trouble. At Bombay on the 15th he said "Let me make it abundantly clear that the Congress will never quit either. Even if all my other colleagues leave their post I shall stick on We shall hold the Central Assembly as December 9 as originally scheduled even if the benches fall. We shall see that the phase of constitution making shall not take no more than six months I had warned the British Ministers at that time that they were trying to snatch [illegible] between Hindus and Muslims. They do those to [illegible] merely our own affair and we were the only people to settle them I had also told them that the best thing they could do was to quit India and quit without regret. I say to Mr Jinnah that we have the Viceroy's word to carry on the Government like any other dominion Even foreign nations have recognised our National Government. As to Pakistan the Sardar said "I ask Mr Jinnah: Who are the British to grant him his dreams of Pakistan? It is we, and we alone, who could do so and not the British Mr Jinnah threatens that if Pakistan is not granted, there will be no peace. But I say that if India is divided there will be no peace in the entire world. If he can use threatening as with violence Violence will be met by violence. The best thing would therefore be for Mr Jinnah to come down and have a talk with us and see views on all the issues of his demands." About what he said! What the witness can do and shall I do to become a hero and pay the price of freedom to have it Swaraj means the minimum of Government rule. Such violence shall I learn to defend himself, if need be with violence. Let it not be misunderstood that I advocate violence for the sake of violence I still maintain that Gandhiji's path of non-violence in today the only way Gowardice helps nobody It only results in more innocent persons being killed." He needs a fervent appeal to stopping the riots to Bombay and Ahmedabad—Hindus and Muslims—have to live in the country—I raise its prestige high Gandhiji is in Bengal and he is intermixed not to return from there until members of the two communities go back to their homes and begin to live again with love, regard and fair things in their hearts. There is no doubt in my mind that Gandhiji will come to be remembered as a great by the people of these districts."

"Unthinkable"

On the 3rd Gandhiji replying to press correspondents staying with him at Srirampur said: "The question of the exchange of population is unthinkable and impracticable. The question never occured my mind. In every province everywhere in an Indian to be in Hindu a Muslim or of any other faith It would not be otherwise even if Pakistan comes in full. For me any such thing will spell bankruptcy of wisdom or statesmanship or both. The logical consequence of any such step is too dreadful to see

templates. Is it not that India should be artificially divided into so many religious camps?

Q. In view of the mentioned situation is it not better to adopt migration policy?

A. I see nothing to warrant such a policy. It is one of despair and therefore is to be adopted in rare cases and in a last resort.

Q. You have told us that the other day that there was no limit to your stay in East Bengal. Do you propose to stay in Srirampur for an indefinite time? Do you think that by confining yourself there you will be able to send your messages of peace to the other villages of Noakhali?

A. Of course I am not burying myself long in Srirampur. I am not idle here. I am seeing people of the surrounding villages and others. I am studying things and regaining lost and physical strength meanwhile. The idea ultimately is to go on foot, when possible and necessary, from village to village and address the evacuees in return. This I can only do with effect when I have seen more things than I know for me self. It is clear to me that any word carries very little weight. District has gone too deep for conviction.

Still in Darkness

Q. Repeat how it that you find yourself in darkness. If the end goes to bear out any why? When did darkness come over you? Do you think you will be released from it?

A. Circumstances have never overwhelmed me. The reason for the present darkness lies with in me. I find that my Ahimsa does not seem to answer in the matter of Hindu Muslim unity within. This much me forcibly when I came to learn of the events in Noakhali. The repeated forcible conversions and the duress in Bengal since touched me deeply. I could do nothing through the pen in the speech I argued to myself I must be on the peace of action and seen the soundness of the doctrine which contained me and made life worth living. Was the weapon of the weak call was often held by my critics, or was it truly the weapon of the strong? The question arose when I had an ready-made solution for the distemper of which Noakhali was only a glaring symptom. And so sitting aside all my activities I hastened to Noakhali to find where I erred. I know positively that Ahimsa is a perfect instrument. If I did not answer in my hands it is imperfect within me. My technique was at fault. I could not discover the error from a distance. Hence I came here and am trying to make the discovery. I must there fore own myself in darkness till I see the light. God only knows when it will come.

'No Time Limit'

"There is no limit to the time I am going to stay in East Bengal said Gandhiji on the 1st, in reply to a U P I correspondent.' I hope to be able to do so, as long as I think it is necessary. It may even be a little time. I shall try to do whatever I can in order to bring together the hearts of Hindus and Muslims who have been so long together as friends and hamlets and players. But what I shall be able to do to unite them I can answer. Man can but make an attempt. Success can be given only by God" In reply to another question he said "I have said at the meetings I have addressed to this part of the country that, if the people are brave, whether they are few or many they will not leave their homes, but will remain there, whatever the risk. And this I say irrespective of the military and police protection. It is beneath the dignity of free men or those wanting to be free to seek such protection. Much has happened to encourage people to remain in their homes."

Communal Situation

An attempt to assault Fazl, Abdul Bari, President of the Bihar Provincial Congress Committee, was made at the Patna station by a group of Muslim Leaguers and their sympathizers including some students and mal formed elements from outside. Through the timely intervention of armed police, Prof. Bari escaped safe with Shah shamsuz Mr Ghazanfar Ali Khan Minister for Health in the Interim Government, reiterated that the

"Fountain Of Life Gone Dry"

When the springs of life are drying up do Thou come on a shower of mercy

When the sweetness of life has turned sour if I come to me as a nectar in music.

When everything goes wrong Oh Lord of life, enter softly into the recesses of the heart.

When the mind becomes rigid and narrow and hears not the cry of the poor and lowly

Oh! Thou soul of generosity stem the door of the heart and enter in one King

When the mind is blinded with the dust of desire and led astray

Oh! Then pare out ever-awake Lord, appear in Thy awful form to awaken it.

—A translation of Tagore's Bengali song.

Have Faith In God

I do not crave freedom from pain,
My prayer is that I may not be afraid of it.
If my anguished heart is without comfort,
I only pray that I may be enabled to gain the victory over sorrow and suffering.
Let me not look courage even if I am without help—
If success and high position in life are denied me
Let not my mind be disturbed
I do not crave that Thou shouldst carry me across the ocean of life.
I only ask for the strength to steer my own barque.
In days of sunshine let me bow my head in utter humility and thereby know thee.
In the dark night of sorrow when the whole world desserts me
Let me not lose for one moment my faith in Thee.

—Translated from Tagore's poems in Bengali

Muslim League had joined the Interim Government for direct action from within. He warned the Congress and said that they that not rejoice over a momentary success. Muslims were alive and kicking and they would never allow themselves to go under. A message from Mongbyr (Bihar) says that out of 6,000 refugees in the Centre at Tarapur only 1,000 have chosen to remain there for the time being others having returned to their villages on the result of persuasion. A number of young men from the villages concerned accepted them that they would take all possible

ures in the protection of their lives and properties. Khan Bahadur Ozna District Magistrate of Monghyr deplored the fact that certain extraneous influences which would work were delaying quick rehabilitation of the unfortunate lot victims in the different relief centres. The Statesman publishes an instances of two unarmed Rajputs in a village in Bihar having kept the mob off in spite Muslim visitors to leave for a miles plan. With a few solitary exceptions the Meherrin calm action passed off peacefully in the some Hindu joined mass processions, and Muslim and Hindu leaders went south I the city to see that nothing untoward happened. At Ratnagiri the Peace Committee comprising Congress, League and Hindu Sabha leaders, attended the Tazia procession which was grand and orderly. Participation by Hindus and Muslims in the festival is reported to be the heartening achievement of the Peace Committee.

Other News

The Maha Minister for Hindu Religious Endowments Shri Rajah Nadi has issued an appeal to the authorities of the Shri Thyagaraja Temple at Tiruvarur in Tanjore District to make the necessary arrangements to allow the Harijans to enter that historic temple which is the richest in South India. The Dravidian Dear I of Sankaracharya in Rama and District has requested the Government for permission to throw open the Sakkaramariyamman Temple to Harijans. The Congress and Leader India has made a circular to the trustees of various temples in its territory asking for their opinion in regard to temple entry for Harijans. Recently at a mass meeting at Karikal a safe taken and shown 27 get out of the Present in favour of temple entry to Harijans. The little State of Limewara in Gujarat has declared all State-owned temples and other public institutions like schools Harijans public wells and taught an open to Harijans.

Thankful For Small Mercies

Syed Raza Ali has issued the following statement:—"We Indians have no reason to throw up our hats in joy over the adopting of the Pre-Sikkim Union History motion in favour of India as an independent unit with Afrim being reserved in the two earlier suggested. Did the joint meeting of the Legislature Political Committee seriously take the view that the Union would cease to exist the high hours by this extremely mild gesture to check it. Is it no more? If so I am afraid the Committee displayed a degree of optimism

nation which is doomed to disappointment. Nevertheless it is something that by majority the Committee has declared itself in favour of a course which would have India's moral victory in the present dispensation of the world one should be thankful even for small mercies. We are grateful to those countries which, realising the justice of our case cast their votes in favour of the Fijian Muslim resolution and most The action of those countries who devised the innocent looking plea of referring the question to the International Court of Justice seemingly to fix live a short-cut to the goal of denial of justice is surely evident, but to all we say Well done. In this connection one cannot help admiring the attitude of Britain and the United States of America who claim to be champions of democracy equality and liberty which they so often dangle in the face of Soviet Russia. The British and U.S.A. performances is still fresh in our mind when they stood solid — even the Imperialist Cecil Rhodes who was on advocate of equal rights for all civilised beings — turn in their graves.

China Protests

The Free Press of India corresponded at Chungking says, a statement on the South African question has been issued by Dr George Chen Head of the European Department of the Chinese Foreign Minister which says

"The Chinese Government obtains great impressions in the principles involved in the Asiatic Land Act. We feel that the Act has not only definite implications of racial discrimination but involves the Chinese Nationals who have settled down in South Africa, under hardships and labour, into great deal of suffering. If the Ghetto Act is enforced and if the Chinese in South Africa are forced to move out, they will have no means of doing so. We are not interested in the internal affairs or aspects of the Asiatic Land Act. We are only interested in protecting the rights and property of our nationals and in any objections to racial discrimination."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Meeting At Nicol Square

A mass meeting under the auspices of the Natal Indian Congress was held on Friday December 20 at Nicol Square, Durban to welcome Mr Debi Singh and Mr M I Naicker who had just been released Tributes were paid by the president Dr G M Naicker Rev Michael Scott Dr Y M Dadoo and others to both the passive resisters who had grown physically weak Mr Debi Singh was not able to attend the meeting owing to indisposition

The decision at the joint meeting of the Passive Resistance Councils of Natal and the Transvaal held the previous night was announced that the struggle should be carried on with increased vigour until the goal was reached It was also decided by the Joint Council to send two representatives, Dr G M. Naicker the president of the Natal Indian Congress and Dr Y M. Dadoo president of the Transvaal Indian Congress, to India for consultation with the Indian leaders.

Lagunga Indian Society

The funds lost steam for the extension of the Lagunga Government Aided Indian School was told by Mr R D Chetty one of the well who owns property in Lagunga Member of the Lagunga Indian Society on Sunday December 22 before a fully gathering. Mr Chetty who has donated the sum of £1 910 to the Society In presenting another £100/1000 Mr Chetty said this extension would accommodate the children from Belgique and District for the time being but later on the Society should try to build suitable Schools at Malaigi and Mayfair so it is a long way i the child has to travel to this school Mr R. Gopaldaigh, Secretary of the Society thanked Mr Chetty for his generous donation, and announced that Mrs J B. Daniel of Sea View had donated the sum of £100 towards the extension of the School and that the Society has decided for her to perform the opening ceremony when the building was completed Mr S T Nadasen of Merebank donated the sum of £5. The following also spoke Messrs M A Jalwat, S Pavay D R Singh, W Jonathan N G Chetty S. T Nadasen K. Lalee S Mahabeer, S Gopal S. S. Deobarshan L. Ganesh S Noorgeah and D S. Coonin Mr J Varjee the Chairman thanked the donors and all those who were present.

AICC. To Meet On January 6

The All India Congress Committee will be meet in New Dehli on January 6 to take decisions on the British statement of December 12. The debate in the Constituent Assembly on Pandit Nehru's resolution calling for a Republic of India was postponed till the next session in January

Unum's Jute Bag Problem

The Department of Commerce and Industry officials in Private informed the *Sunday Express* that it has been augmented that the Controllers of Jute Materials should head a delegation in Europe, Canada and the United States to seek some solution in the Unions serious jute bag problem. Officials believe that the situation will leave by Mr early in January It will contrast on the wool factories concerned endeavour to obtain an easy supply wool bags as possible.

Tamil Councillor Elected

Port Louis (Mauritius) electors have elected for the first time in the history of the town a Tamil to her Municipal Councillor Mr le Mr Ramanadon Somasundrum a barrister The 12 seats on the Municipal Council were filled by Indo Europeans three Coloured men three Indians and two Mohammedans.

South African Writing For U.N.O

Henry John May the South African author of "Red Wine of Youth" and "Low of the South African Constitution" has been selected by U.N.O. as a contributor to the U.N.O Yearbook on Human Rights, an official publication dealing with human liberty throughout the world. "Red Wine of Youth" which was the five editions in South Africa, has just been published in England where it was well received *The Sphere* writes: "The manly of Dusyn Kolb, who wrote the brilliant book, 'Comeand would seem to have fallen in Henry John May whose 'Red Wine of Youth' is a first-rate autobiography' The book is also being published in Belgium and Holland.

News Of The Struggle

Eight passive resisters commenced court on December 19. They were sentenced to £5 or 30 days imprisonment. Including these the total number of passive resisters sentenced is 1535.

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Dr G M Naicker and other leaders of the Passive Resistance Council have gone on a tour of the Northern Districts of Natal

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Members of the Women's Action Committee of the Passive Resistance Council are working strenuously for the Victory Fair, which opens at the Centen's Road on January 2

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Mr Nathalal Samjee who was recently in India returned to Durban last Tuesday

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ગોલ્ડાઓમાં ભાવના ભાવમાં ગોલ્ડે ગોલ્ડર ભાવવે ગ્રાહકોમાં ભારી ગિરેરે ભારે ગોલ્ડા ભાવામાંમાં ભારી ગોલ્ડર ભાવવે ૬૦ વ્યવસાયે ભાવારી ભાવોમું

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ગાઉચ આફ્રીકન કેનેડીયન એપલ્સના સ્પેશીયલીસ્ટ.

ગ્રોસમમાં ઉપ ફ્રરમ પણ રાખીએ ઘીએ.

તેમજ ખન્દિનના ગોલ્ડરી ગોલ્ડવેર ભાવવી ભારે.

ગ્રાહકના ભીલી ભાવુનો ગ્રોસ છે.

ગ્રાહકોના ગોલ્ડરનો ઉપર ભાવ ધ્યાન ગ્રોસ્પામાં ભાવે છે.

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